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VAPOR TALES

E-cig use rising, health officials fret

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Tony Seleski smoked cigarettes for 11 years.

"I started smoking when I was 16. My friends did it, and I thought it was cool," said Seleski, 27, of St. Joseph. "I got hooked very easily."

He said he'd tried off and on to quit. About eight weeks ago, Seleski put down the cigarettes. This time, he hopes, for good. Now, he is "vaping," which he is convinced is more healthy.

"You can't call it smoking. There's no smoke," he said, taking a puff on his electronic cigarette while at work at the Liquor Cabinet on Hilltop Road in St. Joseph. He exhales a small cloud that looks like smoke, but is actually water vapor and quickly disappears into thin air. Because of added flavoring, the vapor briefly emits a sweet smell that almost instantly dissipates.

The store has a wide selection of e-cigarettes but sells them only to people age 18 and older, and recommends them only to people who are already hooked on nicotine, Seleski said. He said the main ingredients in e-cigarettes are propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin and pure nicotine.

He said propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin are both approved additives for human food and are generally accepted as safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and said nicotine itself is not a carcinogen.

But the FDA says some detectable levels of carcinogens and other toxic chemicals have been found in some e-cigarette samples, and contends that nicotine is known to contribute to heart disease and heart attacks.

"The only side effects I've had is I can taste and smell my food, I wake up without a heavy chest and I feel generally healthier. These changes started within three days," said Seleski, who was a pack-a-day smoker before he started vaping, the term applied to using e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that deliver nicotine, but produce water vapor instead of smoke. E-cigarette makers have trumpeted their health value, arguing that they could help smokers give up tobacco, much as nicotine-replacement products do.

But some doctors and other health care professionals say electronic cigarettes stand to hook children, with no known guarantee that they are healthier than regular cigarettes.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Phil Bennett of Hartford demonstrates the use of an electronic cigarette at Vickie's Sandbar in St. Joseph. E-cigarettes, which deliver nicotine without smoke, are gaining popularity. The cloud emitted looks like smoke but is actually water vapor. Proponents say the product can help people quit smoking, but health officials say "vaping," or using e-cigarettes, could encourage young people to start smoking.

Dim traffic sensors dull how 'smart' freeways seem to be

By JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California's highways aren't as smart as they used to be.

Buried under thousands of miles of pavement are 27,000 traffic sensors that are supposed to help troubleshoot both daily commutes and long-term maintenance needs on some of the nation's most heavily used and congested roadways. And about 9,000 of them do not work.

The sensors are a key part of the "intelligent transportation" system designed, for example, to detect the congestion that quickly builds before crews can get out and clear an accident.

A speedy response matters: Every minute a lane is blocked during rush hour means about four extra minutes of traffic. Fewer sensors can mean slower response times, so the fact that 34 percent are offline – up from 26 percent in 2009 – creates an extra headache in California's already-sickly traffic situation.

"(It) is not an acceptable number, really," said California's top transportation official, Brian Kelly.

With limited space and money for new lanes, Kelly said, maximizing flow on existing freeways is critical. To do so, planners rely on a network of cameras, above-road detectors, message boards and the in-road sensors called "loops" because of their shape.

Some loops were cut during construction, others yanked out by copper wire thieves. Many have succumbed to old age.

The resulting blind spots show up as strings of gray amid the green, yellow or red on the large map that freeway managers overseeing Los Angeles and Ventura counties monitor for signs of trouble. Even worse off than LA, according to Caltrans, are inland areas such as the San Joaquin Valley and San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The outages are significant enough that the sensors alone cannot produce real-time traffic maps that are useful to the public. Especially when compared to the many private traffic mapping services that drivers rely on to get around.

So, to post online traffic maps that are ready for public consumption, California and other states are paying the private sector.

Caltrans gives away data from its working loop sensors to Google and other companies; Caltrans also pays Google for a traffic map that incorporates its own data as well as information the tech giant gets from vehicles and cellphones whose owners have agreed to share location data.

California's tab is not large – Caltrans estimates it at $25,000 per year for its public-facing Quickmap – but other states are giving away sensor data and buying back reliable maps as well. Michigan's transportation department said it pays Inrix Inc. about $400,000 annually for data to populate its Mi Drive map.

An Inrix spokesman said the company has contracts with 25 state transportation departments.

Loops are a simple technology that can last decades when properly installed. A bundle of wires under the pavement detects the size, speed and number of vehicles that pass over it, transmitting the information to a roadside box. That data records traffic in real time, but also helps planners who want to know how many of what kinds of vehicles use a road so they can project when it will start to deteriorate (more big trucks means more potholes, sooner).

Drivers may be familiar with loops at surface street intersections, where a circular cut in a turn lane means a loop will detect an idling car and tell the light to change. Replacement materials cost only a few hundred dollars – but installing a loop on a freeway can cost thousands because to embed the wire crews must close two lanes, likely off hours when labor is more expensive.

In the Fresno and San Francisco Bay areas alone, Caltrans plans to spend $35 million to fix loops sensors – as well as freeway lights, cameras, ramp meters and other electrical systems – that are down due to metal scavengers or other problems.

The state that pioneered the use of loop sensors starting in the 1970s is not

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Slick roads, lots of work for body shops this weekend

By HP STAFF

PAW PAW — Icy roads Saturday led to more than 30 car crashes and slide-offs along stretches of I-94 and Red Arrow Highway in Van Buren County, authorities said.

Van Buren County Sheriff's Sgt. David Walker said his officers, state police and wrecker crews were busy into the evening sorting through the clutch of accidents, which began in the late morning. He said state police had to call in extra troopers to investigate wrecks and manage traffic.

Only minor injuries were reported.

Eastbound I-94 near the Decatur exit was closed for about two hours in the early afternoon. Eastbound motorists were directed to Red Arrow at the Decatur exit.

But the detour became blocked after a pair of semis collided near County Road 671.

State police said Red Arrow, too, was closed for about two hours.

Walker said Red Arrow was so icy that his parked patrol car slid down a grade and into one of the semis. The collision severely damaged the nearly new patrol car. Walker said he was outside the car when it slid away.

Among those affected were a Herald-Palladium sportswriter and a photographer on their way to cover Lakeshore High School's football playoff game in Vicksburg. Their car was rear-ended while stopped on eastbound I-94. The two were not hurt.

Walker said the hectic day and poor conditions show that Southwest Michigan is well into the winter driving season.

"People just need to slow down," he said.

The state police news release from the Paw Paw post said most crashes are caused by people driving too fast for conditions. It further urges drivers to not be distracted by passengers, cell phones or car stereos – and keep two hands on the steering wheel.

Louise Wrege / HP staff

Three men await help Saturday after the pickup truck they were in slid off eastbound I-94 near Paw Paw and rolled onto its roof. The accident was among at least 30 on icy I-94 and Red Arrow Highway in Van Buren County.

Powerful storm system blasts western states; eight killed

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A powerful storm system that has caused hundreds of accidents across the Western U.S. has marched eastward with predictions of widespread snow, freezing temperatures and gusty winds.

The fierce weather has caused at least eight deaths and prompted advisories Saturday afternoon in New Mexico and Texas.

As thick, gray clouds covered the Southwest, forecasters said the storm would sweep across the South and toward the Atlantic coast next week, causing problems for holiday travelers.

Joe Harris, a meteorologist with the

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In brief

Small plane might have broken up in flight

MONTROSE, Colo. (AP) — Investigators say a small plane that crashed in western Colorado's Delta County, killing the pilot, may have broken up while still in flight.

The Cessna 210 turboprop crashed Tuesday near a Cedaredge home, missing it by about 50 yards. The name of the pilot has not been released.

Dave Bowling with the National Transportation Safety Board tells the Montrose Daily Press that when the plane was found, it was missing its left wing and part of its tail. The tail was found about a mile from the crash site. The wing was found about 1.5 miles away.

Bowling says "when we find things like that, it's pretty much an indicator that the airplane broke up in flight, probably in a very violent descent."

Cedaredge is 30 miles southeast of Grand Junction.

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Saturday drawings

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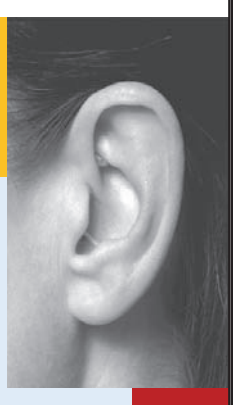

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Will probe bring justice in town's rape scandal?

By SHARON COHEN
AP National Writer

ROBBINS, Ill. — The rape evidence was stored in the police department's musty basement: brown paper shopping bags, stuffed with sneakers, bras and underpants, jammed on metal shelves. Scattered blood vials and swabs covered with dust and mold – an inventory amassed over more than 25 years.

Cara Smith, a Cook County sheriff's aide, knew something was terribly wrong the moment she saw the jumble, which included 176 rape kits dating back to 1986. Many of these crimes had long been forgotten by everyone except the victims.

Smith began digging into the cases and ultimately came to a disturbing conclusion: In most of the reported rapes, Robbins police had seemingly conducted little or no follow-up despite having crime lab results. And in nearly a third of the cases, police hadn't even submitted physical evidence for analysis.

Those findings posed one daunting question: Is there any way to right the wrongs that, in some cases, go back a generation?

The answer will come from the Cook County sheriff's office, where Smith and investigators have devoted much of the year to reviewing the cases, poring over records, interviewing victims, trying to put together puzzles even when key pieces are missing.

They have encountered frustrations and roadblocks along the way.

In scores of cases, no one can be charged because the statute of limitations has expired. One of the most infuriating, Smith says, involves a man investigators recently interviewed who is suspected of raping a 14-year-old Robbins girl more than 20 years ago.

But there is still hope in dozens more cases, almost all of which have DNA evidence, she says.

The sheriff's office hopes to report its findings early next year, and renew its call for victims to come forward. But any success investigators have is bound is to be modest – and bittersweet.

"We went into this realizing there would be some significant disappointments," Smith says. "Justice is a strange word when we're talking about a sexual assault. It doesn't get wiped away, and they don't get to forget about it. Hopefully, the attention we're paying to these cases, that someone cares about and believes what happened to them – that may be what justice ends up looking like for some of these women."

Does that mean some rapists will never pay for their crimes?

"It's guaranteed," Smith says. "I know their names."

Robbins, a small suburb just south of Chicago, has a history of outsized problems.

The town emerged during the first wave of the Great Migration, when tens of thousands of black Southerners moved north, many settling in the Chicago area.

But as Robbins grew, so did its troubles – crime, corruption and poverty. Today, many of Robbins' 5,400 residents are barely scraping by in a community with few resources and an abundance of abandoned homes and weed-filled lots. Median household income in 2010 was about $22,000, compared with the state average of around $55,000, according to census figures.

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart intervened in the Robbins police department last winter after the resignation of the town's police chief following his second drunken driving arrest in less than three years.

With no money and a largely part-time police force, Robbins welcomed help, which included assists with patrols and homicide investigations.

Dart, who was familiar with Robbins' checkered history from his days as a prosecutor, was braced for trouble. But, he says, "we didn't know the magnitude."

The scope became apparent at a town hall meeting in February when residents criticized the police and complained about brazen crimes, including a burglary ring that had been targeting the homes of elderly women while they attended church.

At that meeting, Dart also raised the rape issue, promising to have the untested kits processed, knowing it might help ease local suspicion of authorities.

"Every piece of evidence in there represented a person who was raped and who came for help ... and got nothing," Smith says. "What does that do to you for the rest of your life? Can you trust the police – or not?"

Martha Irvine / AP

Rosa Pickett talks with Cara Smith of the Cook County Sheriff's Department in her home in Robbins, Ill., on Sept. 26. Pickett says she was raped more than 35 years ago and that police in her hometown took photos and collected rape kit samples. Now investigators at the Cook County sheriff's office say there is no sign of the kit or the photos. She also says Robbins police lost kits and they also found nearly 200 kits in a police evidence room were never tested or, if they were, were never investigated.

At the heart of this scandal is what the Robbins police did or didn't do – and how to explain it.

"Lack of capacity – that's the best-case scenario," Smith says. "The worst-case scenario? Indifference to the crime."

Dart calls it "raging incompetence, neglect and a lack of concern" and attributes it to several factors: A part-time force (most officers work three days a week). Inadequate training and supervision. And paltry pay. Some officers, he says, earn just $10 an hour.

"To be honest, you get what you pay for," the sheriff says. "... For $10 an hour you can go to a lot of fast-food restaurants."

What makes matters worse is "these issues have been there for decades and decades and decades. It's almost institutionalized," he says. "Have there been all sorts of red flags? Oh, God, please. Absolutely."

Last week, there was more turmoil.

Police Chief Melvin Davis, in office only since June, was told in writing that he was being dismissed as of Nov. 22, according to Smith. During his tenure, Davis had fired more than 20 percent of uniformed officers because, he said, they weren't "cut out for the job."

It wasn't immediately clear whether his firing was connected to the resignation of a part-time police captain, who also left last week, amid charges he misrepresented his credentials. Both had been hired to try to clean up the department. Mayor Tyrone Ward responded to the furor, issuing a press release saying he'd work with Dart but there would be "no takeover" of the Robbins police by the sheriff's office.

Modest deal breaks deadlock at UN climate talks

By KARL RITTER
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Avoiding a last-minute breakdown, annual U.N. climate talks limped forward Saturday with a modest set of decisions meant to pave the way for a new pact to fight global warming.

More than 190 countries agreed in Warsaw to start preparing "contributions" for the new deal, which is supposed to be adopted in 2015.

That term was adopted after China and India objected to the word "commitments" in a standoff with the U.S. and other developed countries.

The fast-growing economies say they are still developing countries and shouldn't have to take on as strict commitments to cut carbon emissions as industrialized nations.

"In the nick of time, negotiators in Warsaw delivered just enough to keep things moving," said Jennifer Morgan, of the World Resources Institute, an environmental think tank.

The conference also advanced a program to reduce deforestation and established a "loss and damage" mechanism to help island states and other vulnerable countries under threat from rising seas, extreme weather and other climate impacts.

The wording was vague enough to make rich countries feel comfortable that they weren't going to be held liable for climate catastrophes in the developing world.

U.S. and other rich countries also resisted demands to put down firm commitments on how they plan to fulfill a pledge to scale up climate financing to developing countries to $100 billion by 2020.

That money is meant to help developing countries transition to cleaner energy sources and adapt to shifts in climate that can affect agriculture, human health and economies in general.

"I think we had a good outcome in the end. It was quite a tough negotiation," U.S. climate envoy Todd Stern said.

Czarek Sokolowski / AP

Members of non-governmental organizations walking out of the U.N. talks on global warming held at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland on Thursday to show their impatience with the government negotiators.The talks intended to lay foundations for the new climate deal in 2015 were scheduled to end Friday.

The U.N. climate talks were launched two decades ago after scientists warned that humans were warming the planet by pumping CO2 and other heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere, primarily through the burning of fossil fuels. So far they've failed to reduce those emissions.

Historically, most emissions have come from the industrialized nations, but the developing world is catching up fast, driven by rapid growth in major countries including India, Brazil and China – the world's top carbon polluter.

Though China has invested heavily in renewable sources it's reluctant to promise emissions cuts internationally because it still gets almost 70 percent of its energy from coal, which produces the highest emissions of all fuels.

The talks were paralyzed for hours Saturday until China and India dropped demands for a reference to an article in the 1992 U.N. convention on climate change that says only developed countries are required to make commitments to cut emissions.

Western countries want to get rid of that "firewall" in the new climate deal, which countries have agreed should be applicable to all.

"In my understanding the firewall exists and it will continue to exist," Indian Environment Minister Jayanthi Natarajan said, indicating the issue is far from resolved.

The Warsaw conference called on parties to announce their offers to rein in or cut emissions by the first quarter of 2015 if they are "in a position to do so." But it gave little detail on what kind of information should go into those offers.

"Unfortunately, they failed to agree on what process and criteria they would use to evaluate the adequacy and fairness of each other's proposed actions," said Alden Meyer of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

It also remains unclear what legal form the agreement should take.

Environmental activists, many of whom walked out of the talks in protest on Thursday, called the conference a failure for failing to deliver strong commitments to address climate change, and pointed to Typhoon Haiyan's devastation in the Philippines as a sign of urgency.

A single typhoon or hurricane cannot be conclusively linked to climate change but rising sea levels can make storm surges stronger.

"Negotiators in Warsaw should have used this meeting to take a big and critical step towards global, just action on climate change. That didn't happen," said Samantha Smith, a climate activist at the World Wildlife Fund. "This has placed the negotiations towards a global agreement in 2015 at risk."

Texas ricin suspect cuts deal, details unknown

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A Texas woman accused of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has reached a plea deal with federal prosecutors, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Coan added into the case docket for Shannon Guess Richardson a one-line entry that states "notice of plea agreement," the Texarkana Gazette reported.

Authorities say the New Boston, Texas, actress mailed ricin-laced letters to Obama, Bloomberg and a leader of the mayor's gun-control group. Court documents state the then-pregnant Richardson tried to frame her husband for the crime.

The terms of the deal have not yet been made public, and a Dec. 2 pretrial hearing has been canceled. However, it is possible that the terms of the agreement will be discussed at another hearing, the newspaper reported. Typically, as part of a plea deal, a hearing is held so a defendant can change their plea to guilty.

Richardson's court-appointed attorney, Tonda Curry, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Richardson, 35, has been charged with two counts of threat by mail and one of threatening the president. She remains jailed after giving birth in July.

Richardson has been in federal custody since June 7. Later that month, a federal grand jury handed down a three-count indictment.

Authorities allege that Richardson created a ricin-type concoction using castor beans, bulk lye and syringes she ordered over the Internet. Three letters she mailed, one to Obama, one to Bloomberg and a third to Michael Glaze, head of the gun-control group, tested positive for ricin, according to an FBI criminal complaint.

If convicted, Richardson could face up to five years in federal prison for each offense and a fine of up to $250,000.

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Many agencies lose 2014 beach monitoring funds

By JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY — About three dozen health departments and other local agencies that usually receive state funding to monitor their beach waters for bacterial contamination won't get any money next year because the lion's share will go to one county.

A budget bill approved by the Legislature ordered the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to give $100,000 to Macomb County for a project designed to speed up analyses of samples that determine whether the water in a particular area has dangerous levels of E. coli bacteria.

No one disputes the worthiness of the project, which the DEQ says eventually could improve water testing statewide. But because only $152,000 is available for monitoring in 2014, just 10 county health departments will share what's left after the Macomb grant. Thirty-seven previous recipients will get nothing.

"It's just not fair for the rest of us," said Sarah U'Ren, program director for The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay, a nonprofit organization that monitors waters off a dozen beaches in Grand Traverse, Benzie and Leelanau counties.

The center typically has received annual grants of $8,000 to $12,000, although it got $17,000 this year because more than usual was available statewide.

"We should all get our share of the pie," U'Ren said. "We get a large number of tourists up here. We want to be able to tell those people, and people who live here, that it's safe to go in the water."

The funding comes from a federal program, but states decide how to divide up their shares. In a typical year, Michigan's allocation is about $200,000, DEQ spokesman Brad Wurfel said. This year's was twice that amount because the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency gave Michigan some extra money that other states hadn't used.

But next year, Michigan is scheduled to receive just $152,000.

As first reported by the Traverse City Record-Eagle, state Reps. Anthony Forlini of Macomb County and Eileen Kowall of Oakland County inserted a provision in the budget bill steering $100,000 to Macomb County for use at the Lake St. Clair Metropark Beach, where the new water analysis method is being tested.

Kowall told The Associated Press that she and Forlini hadn't realized so little money would be available for water monitoring next year. The federal money is added to the DEQ's surface water fund, which totals $17.5 million, she said.

"We just figured that from that line item, they could find $100,000 for this project," Kowoll said. "It really would be a huge benefit to the entire state to be able to tell within two hours instead of 18 hours whether a beach is contaminated."

Water samples taken by local monitors are sent to laboratories for analysis. Once results are in, word is sent to close a beach if E. coli levels are unsafe. Exposure to E. coli can cause diarrhea, vomiting and fever.

"Right now, announced beach closures are reflecting conditions two days old or more," Wurfel said. "That means by the time you see the announcement, the problem may actually no longer be there. It's the best we've got, but real-time water analysis will help us do a better job of informing the public about water quality conditions."

The experimental method uses DNA analysis to determine the presence of E. coli, said William Creal, chief of the DEQ's Water Resources Division. The Macomb County beach is a good place to test it because it's one of the most heavily used beaches in Michigan, he said.

"Our vision is to perfect the process and eventually mobilize it to every county in the state," Wurfel said.

With only $52,000 to divide among other monitoring programs for 2014, the DEQ gave top priority to areas with greatest need, he said. Counties without beach closures the previous five years were first to lose out.

Among the 10 agencies besides Macomb's that were funded, grants included $2,600 each for Alpena, Berrien, Chippewa, Monroe and Ottawa counties; $5,200 each for Iosco, Schoolcraft and Wayne counties; $10,400 for Arenac County and $13,000 for St. Clair County.

The Huron County Health Department was among those shut out after getting $21,000 this year. Environmental health director Tip MacGuire said he's contacted his local legislators but fears his county on Lake Huron at the tip of the Thumb region will have no monitoring in 2014.

"It's definitely going to hurt us," he said.

His agency usually monitors 13 beaches once a week from shortly before Memorial Day until the week after Labor Day. Sampling results are provided to local media and posted online.

Huron County had three beach closings last summer because of excessive E. coli after heavy summer rains, which wash contamination from shore into the lake, MacGuire said.

Wurfel said the DEQ will try to return funding levels to normal in 2015. But there's another complication: President Barack Obama has proposed abolishing the federal funding. The program has survived only because Congress has kept spending at current levels, unable to agree on a new spending blueprint.

"If and when they approve a budget, it's likely this program will be eliminated entirely," Wurfel said. "We need to look at a long-term solution to the funding issue and how this work is supported."

Historic Vogue Theatre in Manistee being restored

MANISTEE (AP) — Fundraising for a $2.4 million renovation of the Historic Vogue Theatre of Manistee is nearing completion and could be reached by the end of the year, an organizer says.

More than $1.9 million of the $2.4 million needed to complete the restoration has been raised, said Steve Brower, chairman of the theater's capital campaign and treasurer of the Historic Vogue Theatre of Manistee, the nonprofit that owns and will operate it.

Among the funds was a $500,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. One of the screens recently was dedicated as "Pure Michigan" in recognition of the state tourism and marketing program's role in the project.

"The renovation of this historic theater into a vibrant entertainment venue will bring new vitality to downtown Manistee and serve as a catalyst for further positive activity in the community," MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney said in a news release. "The project, set in the heart of downtown Manistee, was achieved through the efforts of the entire community and is symbolic of the best Pure Michigan has to offer."

Brower said MEDC's role was crucial to get the restoration work started and to encourage others to donate to the project.

"The naming of the Pure Michigan screening area that will seat 190 people means that movie-goers for generations to come will recognize the statewide importance of the Vogue Theatre to Michigan's economic well-being," he said.

The theater's other screening area seats 45 people. It has been dedicated as the "Oleson Family Theatre" in tribute to a $200,000 grant from the Traverse City-based Oleson Foundation.

"All of Michigan can be proud of what Manistee is achieving," Finney said in the release. "The Vogue is the largest volunteer-led, community-driven initiative in the community's history. It is a tremendous testimonial to the value of grass-roots activism in bettering our quality of life and economic well-being."

U.S. Coast Guard delivering Christmas trees to Chicago

CHEBOYGAN (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard is preparing to set sail on a special holiday mission with historical roots.

A crew is scheduled on Monday to load 1,220 Christmas trees aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw. The ice cutter will then travel from its homeport of Cheboygan down Lake Michigan to Chicago.

A public ceremony is planned for Dec. 7 at Navy Pier, where the trees will be unloaded and given to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy families.

The effort carries on the tradition of the Rouse Simmons – known as the original Christmas tree ship. Last year marked the 100th anniversary of its sinking between the Wisconsin cities of Kewaunee and Two Rivers during a storm on Nov. 23, 1912.

The Coast Guard will lay a wreath near the site of the wreck to remember the Rouse Simmons and its crew.

"The crew and I are looking forward in participating in this year's event," Cmdr. Michael Davanzo, the ship's commanding officer, said in a statement. "We feel it's an extremely worthwhile cause."

The trip coincides with the cutter's annual efforts as part of the ongoing Operation Fall Retrieve, in which Coast Guard units across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System decommission buoys and beacons for the season. Mackinaw will tend to the navigational marks on Lake Michigan.

DNR: At least 10 wolves killed in Michigan hunt

LANSING (AP) — At least 10 wolves have been killed during Michigan's wolf hunt in the Upper Peninsula.

The state Department of Natural Resources updated the results Saturday. The wolf season started on Nov. 15 and runs through December, unless 43 are killed before the end of the year.

It's the first hunt in Michigan since the wolf was placed on the endangered species list nearly 40 years ago. A total of 1,200 people are licensed to participate with firearm, crossbow or bow and arrow.

The DNR had estimated the state's wolf population at 658.

E-CIG

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Regulation needed?

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is among 40 attorneys general who are urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate electronic cigarettes in the same way it regulates tobacco products.

In a letter sent to the FDA earlier this month, the attorneys said e-cigarettes are being marketed to children through advertising with cartoon-like characters and the offering of fruit and candy flavors.

According to the Detroit News, the attorneys general said that unlike with traditional tobacco products, there are no federal age restrictions that would prevent children from obtaining e-cigarettes, nor are there any advertising restrictions.

The health effects of e-cigarettes have not been adequately studied and the ingredients are not regulated, the attorneys said.

Michigan is one of 30 states without any laws in place preventing the sale of e-cigarettes to minors. Also, the devices are not covered under Michigan's Smoke-Free Air law, which prohibits smoking inside businesses. Individual establishments can decide to ban e-cigarette use inside their buildings, however.

Robert Montgomery, one of the owners of Players Bar & Grille in St. Joseph, said vaping is allowed inside the business, but he hasn't seen much of it.

Don Campbell / HP staff
Phil Bennett of Hartford demonstrates the use of an electronic cigarette at Vickie's Sandbar in St. Joseph.

"Most of the people who smoke still go outside to smoke regular cigarettes. I see the e-cigarettes now and then, but not a lot. It hasn't been an issue."

Montgomery said the pub area is somewhat separated from the restaurant area, and if he saw someone using an e-cigarette in the restaurant area, he probably would ask them not to.

Vaping is allowed inside Vickie's Sandbar in St. Joseph, but people there also said they rarely see it. Phil Bennett of Hartford, a regular customer there, said he sometimes, but not always, brings an e-cigarette with him.

The new 'cool?'

E-cigarettes first started appearing in 2006, and use has steadily increased.

A National Youth Tobacco Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that nearly 1.8 million middle and high school students said they had tried e-cigarettes in 2012.

The findings showed that the percentage of high school students who reported ever using an e-cigarette rose from 4.7 percent in 2011 to 10 percent in 2012. And 2.8 percent of high school students surveyed reported using e-cigarettes in the previous 30 days, compared with 1.5 percent in 2011. Use also doubled among middle school students.

In all, in 2012, more than 1.78 million middle and high school students nationwide said they had tried e-cigarettes.

Dr. Rick Johansen, medical director for Berrien County and a pediatrician, said that concerns him.

Speaking to the Berrien County Board of Health recently, Johansen said 88 percent of smokers started as adolescents, and just one in three will ever quit. While the number of adolescents smoking regular cigarettes has steadily decreased over the years, the number smoking e-cigarettes continues to climb, he said.

"Why take a risk in reversing the trend toward kids not smoking? If this becomes 'cool,' it will be a tremendous health burden," Johansen said.

He said that there's no good research on the other chemicals, besides nicotine, in the e-cigarettes.

"There's probably a lower amount of toxins (than in regular cigarettes), but we don't know for sure."

He said another concern is that "we're seeing people start with e-cigarettes, then go to real cigarettes."

"We're risking having new smokers who start with the e-cigarette. We're reversing a 10-year trend of stigmatizing smoking to de-stigmatizing it. This is a gateway to cigarette smoking for youths."

Seleski disagrees.

"For one thing, vaping is a lot more expensive to get started on, and it's a lot more complicated. This is intended for adults who already have been smoking. I don't recommend anyone do this who hasn't been smoking," he said.

Seleski says it cost him about $30 to get started with an e-cigarette kit, and it costs the average former smoker $8-$10 a week to maintain the vaping habit.

"For me, it's a hobby, so I'm spending a little more. But I would say $8-$10 a week for the pack-a-day smoker."

That compares to between $5 and $6 a day to buy regular cigarettes.

He said that in the store where he works, the Liquor Cabinet, sales of e-cigarettes are steadily increasing.

"It's picking up, and the feedback we've gotten from customers has been only positive," Seleski said. "Is being addicted to nicotine a good thing? No. But for people who already are, this is giving them an alternative. I've seen people do this and quit cigarettes, almost instantly. It's exciting."

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alone in its struggle to keep them producing reliable data.

In Utah, transportation officials estimated about 20 percent of loops do not work.

"Does it impair our ability to make informed decisions? Certainly," said Blaine Leonard, manager of the state's intelligent transportation systems program.

Information from loops informs the estimated travel times posted on freeway message boards.

About 75 percent of loops In the Austin, Texas area are not working due to large-scale freeway resurfacing, according to the state department of transportation. Michigan's transportation planners abandoned loops because they found too many failed during winter's freeze-thaw cycle; they've moved to above-road sensors that use microwaves to detect traffic.

Reed Saxon / AP
Cars pass over circular Caltrans traffic sensors on the State Route 2 Freeway in Los Angeles on Oct. 18. About one-third of traffic sensors that Caltrans operates on highways statewide do not work. There are various reasons for this, including equipment failure, copper wire theft and construction projects that sever the systems locally.

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STORM

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National Weather Service, said the "Nordic outbreak" will "produce a mixed bag of wily weather that will end up impacting much of the nation."

In New Mexico, authorities and residents braced for the second hit of a one-two punch that had already blanketed parts of the state with snow and freezing rain and caused a rollover accident that killed a 4-year-old girl in the eastern part of the state.

Three other storm-related deaths were reported Saturday in a crash in the Texas Panhandle involving nearly a dozen vehicles.

In California, where the storm system hit first, prompting flooding and water rescues in recent days, three deaths have been linked to the storms since Thursday, as authorities found one body near downed power lines, one man crashed his vehicle into a tree and a woman was killed when a tree fell on a parked car.

The Orange County Register, Ken Steinhardt / AP

Jacob Melville, 4, of Irvine, Calif., catches rain drops as he holds the umbrella for his mother, Brandie, at the farmer's market in Laguna Hills, Calif., on Friday. Rain throughout the West led to flooding Friday in parts of California.

In Arizona, firefighters recovered the body of a man who was swept away by high waters Friday in the Santa Cruz River in the southern part of the state.

The storm already has affected much of the Western U.S., causing hundreds of rollover accidents and prompting officials to cancel events and close roads.

In Nevada, snow in high elevations in the rural, eastern part of the state stranded dozens of cars. No fatalities were reported and authorities got the road open again by Saturday.

In Arizona, rain came down Saturday as more than 8,000 cyclists competed in the annual El Tour de Tucson. Also, high school football games, soccer tournaments and parades were cancelled across the state.

Forecasters said parts of both California and Arizona could expect severe weather with winter storm warnings through Saturday. Weather officials said the mountains and the Antelope Valley foothills northeast of Los Angeles were under the most risk. However, they said there was only a small chance of rainstorms like those that prompted flooding in California on Thursday.

In New Mexico, it was unclear where the heaviest bands of snow would develop, meteorologist Jennifer Palucki said.

In Texas, freezing rain and cold temperatures have already hampered travel and much of the "heavy stuff" will hit south of I-20, Harris said. Several traffic accidents were reported Saturday, including the fatal crash late Friday that also left several injured hurt in Vega, about 30 miles west Amarillo, and one that injured three members of singer Willie Nelson's band when their bus struck a pillar near Sulphur Springs, north of Dallas.

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HAPPY SKATING!

Do you remember?

25 years ago

Four southwestern Michigan libraries will hold autograph signing parties for Shirley Swift Howe of Decatur, author of "Legacy of Five Wives." The sessions will be held Dec. 3 at the Webster Memorial Library in Decatur, Dec. 10 at the Hartford Public Library and Paw Paw Public Library, and Dec. 17 at the Dowagiac Public Library. Howe, a native of Van Buren County, is a writer of non-fiction family histories.

Heidi Marie Dill, 6, daughter of Philip and Shirley Francis of Benton Harbor, was crowned Pee Wee Beauty Queen in the 4- to 6-year-old category in the Sunburst USA pageant held in St. Joseph in October.

35 years ago

Berrien Springs tied a school record for most wins in a season by defeating River Valley 60-42 Wednesday night in a non-league girls basketball game. The Red Arrow Conference co-champion Shamrocks put their final regular season record at 18-2 while getting 12 points from Jackie Backus, 11 from Diana Simko and 10 from Sheila Duffel.

50 years ago

Grieving and shocked over the assassination of President Kennedy, thousands of twin city area residents turned to religion Sunday for an explanation and guidance. Church attendance was unusually heavy, according to area ministers.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 24, the 328th day of 2013. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 24, 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

On this date:

In 1784, Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in Orange County, Virginia.

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In 1947, a group of writers, producers and directors that became known as the "Hollywood Ten" was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry.

In 1982, Barack Hussein Obama Sr., a Kenyan government economist and father of the president, was killed in an automobile accident in Nairobi; he was 46.

In 1987, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed on terms to scrap shorter- and medium-range missiles.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Snow Likely	Partly Cloudy	Snow Possible	Snow Possible	Snow Possible	Partly Cloudy
26º	20º	35º / 31º	36º / 27º	31º / 23º	32º / 25º

Local Outlook

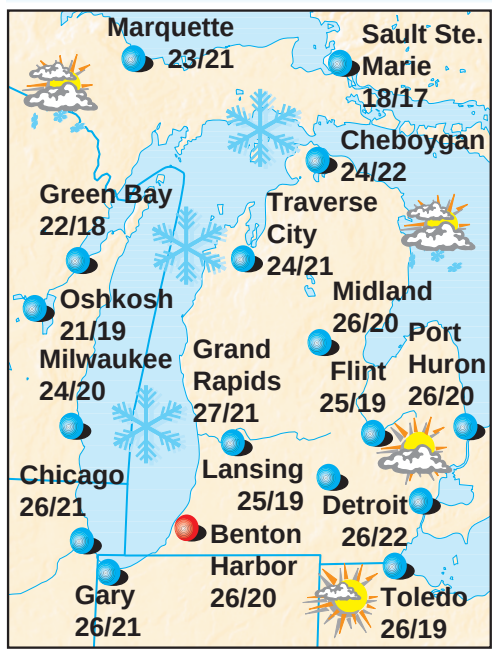
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of snow, high temperature of 26º, humidity of 58%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 20º.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise . . . . . 7:48 a.m.
Sunset . . . . . 5:17 p.m.
Moonrise. . . . . 11:47 p.m.
Moonset . . . . . 12:32 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
11/25	12/2	12/9	12/17

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High	33º
Low	23º
Normal High	43º
Normal Low	30º
Record High	67º in 2003
Record Low	11º in 1971

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.19"
Normal month to date	2.54"
Year to date	30.02"
Normal year to date	33.57"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 27
Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

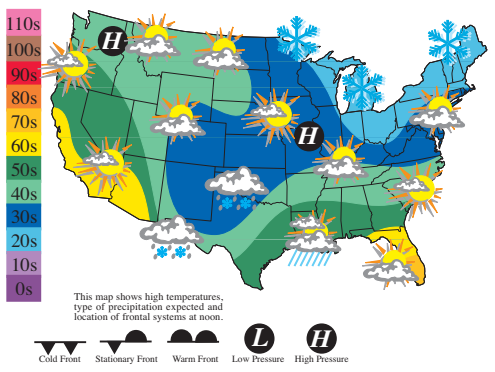
Weather Trivia

When did fronts first appear on United States weather maps?

Answer: In the 1930s.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 24, 2013



Lake Michigan

Today, northwest winds 15 to 25 kt becoming west 15 to 20 kt in the afternoon. Chance of snow showers. Waves subsiding to 5 to 8 ft occasionally to 10 ft. Water temperature 42 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies today with scattered snow. Monday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered snow. Partly cloudy to cloudy skies will continue Tuesday with scattered snow.

Lower Peninsula

Skies will be partly cloudy to cloudy today with scattered snow. Monday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow. Tuesday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow.

1893 recording of black vocal group auctioned off

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — A 120-year-old wax-covered cylinder containing the earliest known recording of a black vocal group in the U.S. was sold at auction Saturday.

Discovered in a private collection in Portland, the 1893 recording of "Mama's Black Baby Boy" by the New York-based Unique Quartet was one of only two copies known to exist and sold for $1,100. The other resides in the Library of Congress.

A second Unique Quartet song, "Who Broke the Lock (on the Henhouse Door)?" from 1896, sold at the same auction for $1,900. Both pre-date vinyl records.

The recordings were so rare that auctioneers at Saco River Auction Co. had no idea how much they might fetch. An appraiser had suggested they were worth $25,000 or more each before the auction.

The cylinder recordings were played on an early-style phonograph that had the appearance of a Victrola-style player. But the music was etched in wax on cylinders instead of in the grooves of vinyl records, which were popular throughout the 20th century.

The wax was so fragile that auctioneers didn't dare try to play them.

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SH Meijer tax deal in the works

By ANDREW LERSTEN
HP Staff Writer

SOUTH HAVEN — A tentative deal has been struck regarding the capture of taxes from the new Meijer store in South Haven to help pay for environmental work at the construction site.

The Van Buren County Brownfields Authority commissioned $67,000 in environmental testing at the site north of Phoenix Street.

The Meijer site straddles South Haven and South Haven Township. County officials requested to capture $67,000 in actual expenses, and an additional $67,000 to go into the county's revolving loan fund for future brownfields projects.

But after a meeting with county officials, city and township officials tentatively agreed to the capture of the $67,000 in actual costs, but only an additional $34,000 beyond that.

The South Haven Township Board at its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 20 voted to approve the agreement. But the South Haven City Council will also have to approve it before it moves ahead.

City Manager Brian Dissette said the council will be asked to approve the terms of the deal at its Dec. 2 meeting.

Van Buren County Equalization Director Ed VanderVries said the taxes should be repaid within four years after Meijer opens. The store is set to open by Memorial Day next year.

The agreement calls for half the taxes on the Meijer property to go to the county, until the amount owed is repaid, VanderVries said.

The county brownfields authority hired a company to do an environmental study at the property and additional soil testing, VanderVries said.

The brownfields revolving loan fund is used to help fund environmental work for projects throughout Van Buren County. One example of the projects being funded by the loan fund is a $110,000 loan to Hometown Pharmacies for the cleanup of fire debris in downtown Gobles. Hometown Pharmacies has bought the fire site and will build a store there after the cleanup, VanderVries said.

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Andrew Lersten / HP staff

South Haven city and township officials have reached a tentative deal with Van Buren County over reimbursement to the county for environmental work at the site of the Meijer store north of Phoenix Road in South Haven. The store, photographed Friday, will open next year.

St. Joseph

Lakeland reaches electronic health record milestone

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland HealthCare is being recognized for its high level of implementation and use of electronic health records.

Four hospitals and three ambulatory clinics in Lakeland's system are the first health care organizations in the state and in the region to be certified at Stage 7 by HIMSS Analytics, according to a news release from Lakeland.

Stage 7 is the highest category a hospital or outpatient medical office can achieve, and is shared by only about 2 percent of hospitals and just a few outpatient clinics in the nation, Lakeland said.

HIMSS Analytics is a subsidiary of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). The accomplishment was achieved in less than three years from the time the electronic health record was first implemented at Lakeland, the news release said.

The clinics are Southwestern Medical Clinic in Stevensville, Lakeland Diabetes & Endocrinology in St. Joseph, and the Lakeland Center for Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine in Niles.

"The investment in an electronic health record (EHR) is an important part of Lakeland's commitment to provide exemplary service and outcomes at a competitive cost," said Dr. Loren B. Hamel, president and CEO, Lakeland Healthcare. "The additional technology has already helped our caregivers to improve communication, to reduce costs and to save lives."

During the beginning of the third quarter of 2013, just 2.2 percent of the more than 5,400 U.S. hospitals in the HIMSS Analytics Database received the HIMSS Analytics Stage 7 Award, and as of the second fiscal quarter of 2013, only 1.23 percent of the more than 20,000 U.S. ambulatory clinics in the HIMSS Analytics Database, received the Stage 7 Ambulatory Award, Lakeland said in its news release.

"Utilizing our EHR at HIMSS Stage 7 means we are maximizing the benefits of the system to provide better care," said Norma Tirado, vice president of Human Resources & Health Information Management for Lakeland. "At Lakeland we have a team that is laser-focused in producing better patient outcomes; they would not accept anything less."

Lakeland HealthCare will be recognized at the 2014 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition February 24-26, 2014, in Orlando, Fla.

In brief

Bridge Academy offers online high school

BENTON HARBOR — Area high school dropouts have another way to earn a high school diploma and career certificates.

Kinexus Bridge Academy in Benton Harbor is now offering the Career Online High School scholarship program to members of the communities it serves. The online classes are made possible through a partnership with ed2go and Smart Horizons Career Online Education's Clinton Global Initiative.

Students will be able to earn high school diplomas and career certificates in high-demand areas, including retail, hospitality and food service.

The Bridge Academy provides career-focused education for residents between the ages of 16 and 24.

For more information, visit www.careeronlinehs.org or call the Bridge Academy at 277-5122.

SJ Twp. extends yard waste pickup

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Township will extend yard waste pickup to Dec. 2, 3, 4 and 5, the township announced.

All township areas are covered by the extension. For more information, call the township at 429-7703.

Amtrak adds round trip for Dec. 1

CHICAGO — In anticipation of its busiest travel day, Amtrak is adding a round-trip to its Pere Marquette service for Sunday, Dec. 1, the passenger rail service announced.

The Pere Marquette serves Bangor and St. Joseph.

Visit Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.

Downtown Dowagiac rocks

Downtown Dowagiac jumped Saturday despite blustery weather with its annual Christmas Open House Weekend. Clockwise, from top: The Dowagiac Union High School Choir entertains with seasonal music, accompanied by a pianist playing through the cold; a baritone saxophonist grooves with the Southwestern Michigan College Saxophone Choir; Wayne Stutzman of Cassopolis provides horse-drawn wagon rides; students with Positively Dance donned bright red for the afternoon festivities. The open house is among several holiday events in downtown Dowagiac. For more information visit http://www.dowagiacchamber.com/5a.cfm.

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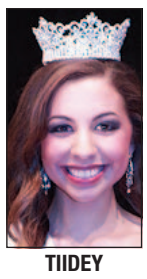
Miss EC/Sodus has an eye for business

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent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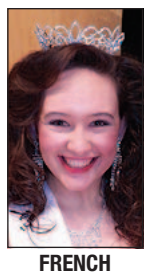
FRENCH

MARTIN

EAU CLAIRE — Lake Michigan Catholic High School senior Jenna Tidey was crowned Miss Eau Claire/Sodus in a community Blossomtime contest Saturday night.

The contest was in the Eau Claire Community Center with a crowd of 320.

Jenna will compete in March with other community queens at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center for the Miss Blossomtime title. The Miss Eau Claire/Sodus theme was "Alvin & the Chipmunks" in keeping with the Blossomtime theme of "Let's Get Animated."

Jenna is the daughter of Curtis and Katherine Tidey. Jenna, 17, wore a strapless watermelon red sequined gown. She is 5-foot-4-inches and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Her school activities include National Honor Society and dance competitions. She has volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Key Club, Environmental Club, Kilometers for Cam 5K and the Cancer Showcase for Dance.

She plans to major in business with an emphasis in marketing at Michigan State University. Her career goal is to work for a large company in the Chicago area.

First Runner-up Serina French, 18, is the daughter of Ronald and Vonda French and a senior at St. Joseph High School. Her activities include Miss Southwest Michigan Teen 2013, modeling and volunteering with the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation. She plans to major in marketing and advertising in college.

Lexi Martin, 17, was named second runner-up. She is the daughter of Bill and Carol Martin and is a senior at Eau Claire High School. Her school activities include student council, yearbook, varsity volleyball, varsity cheerleading and varsity softball. She plans to major in criminal justice at Ferris State University with the goal of becoming an FBI agent.

Taylor Krugh, 17, was chosen Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants. She is the daughter of David and Robin Krugh and a senior at Eau Claire High School. Her school activities include student council, National Honor Society, yearbook, volleyball, basketball, softball, track, 4-H and equestrian team. She plans to major in athletic training in college.

Other contestants were Shelby Mast, Bria Milcherska and McKenna Smallbone. Eau Claire/Sodus will be represented in the Mr. Blossomtime contest by Wesley French, Jacob Grajauskis and William Voit.

Lindsey Harner was contest chairwoman. Glen Head served as master of ceremonies. Judges were Adam Smego of Chicago, a healthcare administrator and a former Mr. Blossomtime, Jennifer Ickes of Dowagiac, a Coloma High School English teacher and Rami Termaini of Chicago, a medical school student.

Jacqueline Kennedy's iconic image shaped on a day of national grief

By MARIA RECIO
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Jacqueline Kennedy lived for 30 years after President John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, but she'll always be engraved into the collective American memory for how she looked and acted on Nov. 22, 1963.

In her pink Chanel suit and matching pillbox hat, she evoked an image that will never fade.

That day in Texas, which started so engagingly in Fort Worth before the short flight to Dallas, was a campaign lap for her husband's re-election the following year, as well as a showcase for the young, vibrant president and his stylish wife.

It was also a moment for Jacqueline Kennedy to shine as a political asset. The tragic day that followed, however, became her defining moment, when she showed courage and grace through an event that wrenched the country.

Usually a reluctant campaigner, she emerged at a breakfast that morning in Fort Worth, fashionably late - reportedly by design - the better to stand out in her pink wool boucle suit with the navy lapels among the rows of Texans in their gray and brown suits.

The president, asked beforehand outside the Hotel Texas where she was, said, "Mrs. Kennedy is organizing herself. It takes longer. But of course she looks better than we do after she does it." At the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce breakfast, sitting with Vice President Lyndon Johnson, he quipped, "Nobody asks what Lyndon and I wear."

John Kennedy had actually asked her to wear the suit - a licensed version of a Chanel creation bought in a New York boutique - according to first lady expert Carl Sferrazza Anthony. The media-conscious president realized that she'd be eye-catching in pink during the motorcade and at televised events.

Indeed, she was, but in ways no one could have anticipated.

From the moment the first couple arrived at Dallas Love Field, Jacqueline Kennedy, framed by a bouquet of red roses, was the focus of attention, instantly noticed by the crowd as the limousine made its way through the city to Dealey Plaza, where, on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, Lee Harvey Oswald was about to change the course of history

"It was a beautiful suit. She had a clear sense of pageantry," said Pamela Keogh, the author of the book "Jackie Style." "Jackie's style was upper-class American, Eastern seaboard, athletic and sporty."

When the shots echoed across Dealey Plaza, the first lady reached for the president, and after the third shot, which struck his head, she crawled out on the rear of the car. According to "A Cruel and Shocking Act," by Philip Shenon, a Warren Commission interview of Secret Service agent Clint Hill - who jumped on the car and pushed her down - reveals that she was trying to grab what was apparently a piece of the president's skull. Hill said they retrieved the "portion of the president's head" the next day from a Dallas street.

Jacqueline Kennedy kept her composure, and insisted on wearing the stained pink suit with her husband's blood and brain matter on it for the rest of the day; for the swearing-in of Johnson on Air Force One, the flight home and the return to the White House.

"Let them see what they have done to Jack," she told Lady Bird Johnson and others.

"She became a figure of tragedy, as did the suit," said Keogh, who called it "a tragic talisman."

Today, the suit, never cleaned, is held by the National Archives in College Park, Md., not to be displayed for 100 years, according to the deed signed by daughter Caroline Kennedy in 2003. The suit, her blue blouse, stockings, blue shoes and blue purse, are, according to a National Archives release, "stored in a custom made acid-free box in a temperature- and humidity-controlled storage area."

The custom-made pillbox hat disappeared, although it was last known to be in the possession of Jackie Kennedy's personal secretary, Mary Gallagher.

"Mrs. Kennedy had already established herself with her televised tour and restoration of the White House, and she was clearly one of the most beautiful first ladies in American history," said Larry Sabato, a presidential scholar who's the author of "The Kennedy Half Century." "But her greatest contribution came on those four tragic days in November 1963."

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U.K. police: Slavery case involved ideology

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON — New details emerged Saturday in the bizarre case of three suspected female slaves allegedly held for 30 years, with police indicating the unusual household arrangement started as a collective of people with shared political beliefs.

While much of the case is still a mystery, British police said the two suspects — a man and a woman from India and Tanzania — bonded with two of the reported victims because of commonly held political views and lived with them in a communal situation, apparently in the Brixton area of south London.

"We believe that two of the victims met the male suspect in London through a shared political ideology, and that they lived together at an address that you could effectively call a 'collective,'" said Metropolitan Police Commander Steve Rodhouse.

The collective eventually broke up, but the two women stayed on, for reasons the police say they do not yet fully comprehend. The third woman is a 30-year-old, who apparently spent most of her life under the control of the two suspects with only closely managed contact with the outside world.

"Somehow that collective came to an end and the women ended up continuing to live with the suspects," Rodhouse said. "How this resulted in the women living in this way for over 30 years is what (we) are seeking to establish, but we believe emotional and physical abuse has been a feature of all the victims' lives."

The disclosure Thursday that a 69-year-old Malaysian, a 57-year-old Irish woman and a 30-year-old Briton were freed after three decades prompted questions about how such a tragedy escaped notice for so long. Many puzzles still remained Saturday.

Rodhouse refused to provide any details about the communal living situation or the political beliefs that united the group. It is not clear if they were bound by common religious views, a commitment to political or social change, or other factors.

Police have said the three victims were subjected to repeated beatings and kept in place by "invisible handcuffs" rather than physical constraints. They have indicated sexual abuse was not involved.

New information was also revealed Saturday about the two suspects, who have been freed on bail until a court hearing in January. Rodhouse said they came to Britain in the 1960s. The suspects, who have not been named or charged with any crime, are a male and female couple, both aged 67.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Assistant Local News Editor Jim Dalgleish at 429-1293.

▶ The copy of USA Weekend magazine in today's paper was published for this weekend, even though, due to a printing error, it has last weekend's dates on the cover.

Obituaries

Mary Lawrick

ST. JOSEPH — Mary "Monya" Lawrick, 83, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph.

LAWRICK

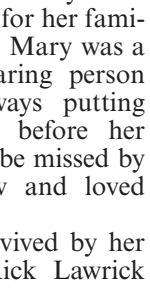
A celebration of life eternal will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Richard Sing officiating. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Twelve Corners Community Church Ladies Circle, St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center in St. Joseph or North Berrien Senior Center in Coloma. Those wishing to sign Mary's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Mary was born June 10, 1930, in Benton Harbor. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School, class of 1948. On Feb. 17, 1951, she married Richard W. Lawrick in Benton Harbor. Mary's main focus was caring for her home and family, but she was employed for many years at Grootendorst Nursery, which became AMG Growers & Heritage Orchards, both in Benton Harbor. Mary was a member of Twelve Corners Community Church and the Swim Buddies at the YMCA. She was an avid reader and flower gardener, a professional garage sale attendee, an active participant in her son's Little League and was always looking for an excuse to dine out. She was known to many as the "Cake Lady" for the many birthday cakes that she made for her family and friends. Mary was a loving and caring person who was always putting others' needs before her own. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by her three sons: Rick Lawrick of St. Joseph; Gregory (Sue) Lawrick of Apex, N.C.; and Michael (Pam) Lawrick of Berrien Springs; two grandsons: Nicholas and Stephen Lawrick; several nieces and nephews, including special niece Mary Lou Braley of St. Joseph; and her surrogate sisters: Joyce (Zan) Ballard and Dorothy Vaught, both of Benton Harbor. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Nina Schemenauer; and her husband, Richard, on June 20, 2002.

Virginia Miller

Virginia Mabel Miller, surrounded by her children, passed quietly and comfortably after a long illness and was welcomed into eternity by her Heavenly Father on Nov. 21, 2013. Virginia was born Feb. 16, 1931, to Lee and Vera Bateman in Olney, Ill.


MILLER

Virginia married James Miller on June 24, 1948. They celebrated 59 years of marriage, raised five children, and were loving grandparents to 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Virginia placed her faith in Christ at the age of 25. She was a member of The Chapel Evangelical Free Church in south St. Joseph for the past 10 years.

Virginia was the owner/operator of Hair Master Hair Salon in south St. Joseph for 13 years.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 2007; grandson, Dustin Boehm, in 1994; and brother, Robert, in 1926.

Virginia is survived by her five children: Dave (Pat) Miller of Berthoud Colo.; Doug (Michele) Miller of St. Joseph; Deborah (Gary) Wheaton of Berrien Springs; Deedra (Dennis) Boehm of Stevensville; and Darla (Freeman) Hewitt of Ooltewah, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Harvey Bateman of Michigan City, Ind.; and John (Julia) Bateman of Austin, Texas.

A celebration of life service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Marlo Fritzke officiating. Burial will follow in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends may visit from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice at Home. Those wishing to share a memory of Virginia online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

June Hahn

June (Banks) Hahn, 83, went to live with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Caretel Inns in St. Joseph, due to complications related to pancreatic cancer.

HAHN

On June 24, 1950, she married the love of her life, Richard, who survives, at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. They were married for 63 years. Together they were blessed with three children: Karen (Jan) Platts of Eaton Rapids; Richelle (Dennis) Ciboch of St. Joseph; and Dennis (Bobbi) Hahn of Jenison; eight grandchildren: Kelley (Tom) Delozier of Charlotte, N.C.; Scott (Beth) Klug of Eau Claire; Shaun (Stephanie) Klug of Benton Harbor; Joshua Ciboch of Holland; Justin Ciboch of Big Rapids; Zoe Platts (deceased); Marisa and Rachel Hahn of Jenison; and four great-grandchildren (plus one due in January 2014 and one due in May 2014).

June graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1949. June was a longtime member of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. Throughout the years she worked at Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Klug Farm Equipment. She also volunteered at Mercy Hospital, Lighthouse Attic and the Pregnancy Care Center, besides nurturing her family and caring for her home. She enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events and recitals, fishing, traveling, playing cards, people watching while sitting on the bluff, going to Sunday evening concerts at the band shell and spending time with her family.

June will be remembered as a loving wife, a great mother and a faithful friend.

Her Heavenly Father richly blessed her during her years on this Earth. She was born in Buchanan on Aug. 2, 1930, to the late Minnie (Thurston) and Charles L. Banks. Siblings include Charles W. (Bill) Banks (deceased); Robert (Bob) Banks of Moncks Corner, S.C.; Laurence (Bub) Banks of Stevensville; and Peggy (Frank) Alsup of St. Joseph. Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Hazel Banks of Webb City, Mo.; along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 2013, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1965 Broadway, Benton Harbor, with the Rev. Paul Naumann officiating. Burial will take place at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church or Hospice at Home. Those wishing to sign June's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Mary Katsulos

ST. JOSEPH — Mary Katsulos, 85, of St. Joseph peacefully passed away Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, with her family by her side at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

KATSULOS

Mary was born in Chicago to Theodore and Zoe Fotos and moved to St. Joseph in 1959 when she married George Katsulos of Stevensville. She was a vibrant, social and well-loved part of the community. She often reminisced about her early years in Chicago, though she quickly adjusted to the quieter living in a small town and thrived in its environment.

She was always smiling and brought joy in so many ways to those around her. In her younger years, she was an enthusiastic Cubs and Blackhawks fan and loved to share stories about her work at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, where visiting sports teams often stayed. After moving to Michigan, she enjoyed league bowling at Lakeshore Lanes for many years. She loved music, gardening, flowers, smiles, people and especially her family.

Mary was a loving and supportive mother and wife and a dedicated member of the Greek Orthodox Church. She leaves behind her husband of 54 years, George; a legacy of two children: Katherine McCormick, and her husband, Tom, of Long Beach, Ind.; and Elaine Zoe Katsulos of Boulder, Colo.; a sister, Christine, and her husband, William Linroth, of Longmont, Colo.; as well as a family of cousins, nieces and nephews. Her sister Angie preceded her in death.

A celebration of life service will be at noon Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, at St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 18000 Behner Road, New Buffalo, with Father Paul Martin officiating. Burial will follow in Lincoln Township Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends may visit from 5-7 p.m., with prayers recited at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 25, 2013, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center or the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to share a memory of Mary online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

James W. Jones

BENTON HARBOR — James (J.W.) Jones, 77, of Benton Harbor slipped away to rest in eternity Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. A celebration of life service will be Tuesday Nov. 26, 2013, at the Tabernacle COGIC. Visitation begins at 10 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guestbook online may do so at www.familyfuneralhomebh.org.

JONES

J.W. was born May 10, 1936, in Hattiesburg, Miss., to Robert Jones and Lela Smith. He married Cassandra (Tamplin) Jones in 1987.

J.W. leaves to cherish his loving memory his wife, Cassandra Jones; his children: Shonquil (Demetrius) Dyson, Tamera Jones, Joyce Lunzy-Patton and James (Kim) Coates, all of Benton Harbor; James W. Jones Jr. of Columbus, Ohio; Daryl Wayne (Eumekia) Minor and Keith Minor of Hammond, La.; and Shelia Hayes-Malbry of Los Angeles; sisters: Mary L. (Andrew) Mckay, Elizabeth Mitchell, Delores Franklin, Ida (Michael) West and Kathy Perkins; brothers: Clarence Jones, Richard Jones, Harry Lee Jones, Willie "Button" Franklin and Billy Ray Perkins; a special nephew, Carlos Greene; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

J.W. was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Esther L. Jones; a sister, Lottie Frances Jones; and a brother, Charles Jones.

Kenneth Kirby

STEVENSVILLE — Kenneth Kirby Sr., 70, of Stevensville passed away Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, at home surrounded by his family, after a brief battle with stomach cancer.

KIRBY

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the family. Friends wishing to send condolences may do so at the guest book at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ken was born May 18, 1943, in Benton Harbor to Thomas and Julia (Theide) Kirby.

On Dec. 17, 1966, he married Bonita Poling. He retired from Bosch after 26 years.

Ken enjoyed going to auctions with his son and collecting anything Coca-Cola. He also enjoyed watching his grandkids play soccer.

Ken is survived by his wife, Bonnie Kirby; five children: Kenneth (Kathy) Kirby Jr., Marcia (Robert) Yack, Lisa (David) Schmaltz, Daniel (Sarah) Kirby and Michael (Anna) Kirby; five grandchildren: Hunter Schmaltz, and Brittany, Hannah, Steven and Kaitlyn Yack; two sisters, Betty Cassidy of St. Joseph and Irene Cox of Stevensville; one sister-in-law, Carla Kirby of St. Joseph; granddogs: Duke, Gonzo, Tosha and Rocky; and his beloved pets: Diesel, Red and Taz. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents; sister Eleanor Dyer; and two brothers: Charles Kirby and Thomas Kirby.

Janet Beckwith

SOUTH HAVEN — Janet Ruth Beckwith, 87, of South Haven passed away Saturday, Oct. 2, 2013, at Countryside Nursing Home. The daughter of Steward and Blanch (Thompson) McCulloch, Janet was born March 16, 1926, in Bangor. She graduated from Bangor High School in 1944 and married Laurence Beckwith in 1944. Larry and Janet lived their whole lives in the Bangor-South Haven area.

Janet enjoyed gardening, painting and researching her family history. She was a member of the Church of Christ and served many years as a deaconess. She retired from South Haven Rubber Co. in 1988 after 25 years of service.

Surviving are her son, Richard (Linda) Beckwith of Bangor; son-in-law, Mark Scherer of South Haven; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren (one due in December); and a brother-in-law, the Rev. Dean (Laura) Beckwith of Grand Junction. She was preceded in death by her husband, Laurence Beckwith; son, Michael Beckwith; and daughters, Kathyrn Booth and Cynthia Scherer.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Nov. 30, 2013, at the Bangor Church of Christ. Arrangements by Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home (www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

Roland Edward Johnson

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Roland Edward Johnson, 82, of Charlottesville, Va., died Nov. 17, 2013, at his home.

Born May 14, 1931, in Kenosha, Wis., he was the son of the late Edward and Clara Blank Johnson and was the husband of the late Mabel Johnson.

Mr. Johnson retired as assistant vice president of general services at the University of Virginia.

He is survived by a daughter, Carol Johnson of Rockville, Md., and a son, Keith E. Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Johnson's wishes were to be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Charlottesville/Albemarle SPCA, P. O. Box 7047, Charlottesville, VA 22906.

Friends may sign the guest register at teaguefuneralhome.com.

Death notices

Lucille Bernear, 96, of Fennville died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at Golden Orchards in Fennville. Chappell Funeral Home, Fennville, 561-4601.

Kenneth Kirby Sr., 70, of Stevensville died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Mary "Monya" Lawrick, 83, of St. Joseph died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ronald Vore, 79, of Cassopolis died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

4th student suspended in hate crime case

By ALICIA BANKS
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A fourth San Jose State University student has been suspended in connection with an incident in which three others have been charged with a hate crime for allegedly bullying a black roommate, locking a bicycle chain around his neck and using racial slurs to demean him.

The 18-year-old male student from Los Angeles has not been identified because at the time of the alleged incidents he was a minor, according to university spokesman Pat Harris and Bay Area media reports. The student is also expected to be charged in the case.

In addition to a misdemeanor hate crime, the students were also charged with misdemeanor battery. They face a maximum one-year jail sentence if convicted.

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Honor Credit Union names Rachels to post

ST. JOSEPH — **Tami Rachels** has been named indirect coordinator at **Honor Credit Union.** She will develop and maintain relationships with the dealerships Honor Credit Union partners with for indirect lending.

RACHELS

Rachels, of Niles, is a graduate of Niles High School and studied at the University of Notre Dame. Married with three children, she is a member of the Zeta Theta chapter of Psi Iota Xi, which organizes fundraising events and art and literature programs for the children in Southwest Michigan.

B&L names software support specialist

BRIDGMAN — **Samantha Macumber** has been named a software support specialist in the client service department of **B&L Information Systems.** Originally hired as a software quality analyst for the research and development department, Macumber has been with B&L since May 2012.

MACUMBER

She has worked in both the administrative and manufacturing sectors. In her new position, she will focus on providing phone support for technical problem resolution with B&L's Odyssey software.

Cornerstone hires Mata-Garcia

BENTON HARBOR — **Cornerstone Alliance** has hired **Dubelsa Mata-Garcia** as a business development specialist/business counselor. She will be part of the Women's Business Center, a division of the Cornerstone Alliance Business Development Team. The center works with entrepreneurs in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, offering business startup counseling and early-stage operational support.

"Dubelsa is a great addition to our team," said Greg Vaughn, vice president for business development. "She has the right background to work with our diverse community of entrepreneurs and will actively promote the economic growth and development of Hispanic entrepreneurs in the tri-county area."

Garcia completed her degree in applied technology at South Texas College. She has a background in talent development and career counseling within corporate and nonprofit sectors.

Hanson Mold promotes two

ST. JOSEPH — **Hanson Mold** has announced the promotion of two employees.

FLORIAN

Dan Florian has been promoted to the position of sales project engineer. He has been with Hanson for 33 years. He and his family live in Baroda.

LIGGETT

Brian Liggett has been promoted to the position of scheduling/maintenance/die cast supervisor. He has been with Hanson Mold for 16 years. He and his family reside in Stevensville.

UFCU names Bigley to new role

ST. JOSEPH — **Joe Bigley** has been appointed to the position of secondary mortgage market manager at **United Federal Credit Union** (UFCU) based in St. Joseph.

In his new role, Bigley will manage the interest rate risk and loan quality of UFCU's residential real estate portfolio and work on behalf of investors to achieve the company's financial goals.

BIGLEY

Bigley was previously a secondary mortgage market specialist at UFCU, with responsibility for monitoring, packaging, and delivering mortgage loan sales to secondary market investors; approving rate locks and rate lock extension requests; issuing pricing confirmations, and ensuring timely and accurate investor reporting.

He had previously served in senior financial analyst and commercial loan underwriter positions at UFCU.

Bigley earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids and a master of business administration degree in finance from the Western Michigan University Haworth College of Business in Kalamazoo.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Bigley lives with his family in St. Joseph.

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Local KOA brings home big award

COLOMA — The Coloma/St. Joseph KOA Campground has won the 2014 KOA President's Award by Kampgrounds of America, the world's largest system of family-friendly campgrounds.

The award is given annually for the coming year to campgrounds that get high scores in customer service from their campers, and receive top scores in KOA's annual Quality Review. KOA surveys hundreds of thousands of campers every year regarding their experience, the organization said in a news release announcing the award to the Coloma/St. Joseph campground.

"Everything we do at KOA is centered on providing the best possible camping experience to our millions of guests each year," KOA President Pat Hittmeier said in the news release. "We have wonderful owners, managers and staff working on their parks every day to provide that great experience, and listening closely to the desires of their campers. I'm so proud to be able to recognize that effort with our KOA President's Awards."

The award was presented recently at KOA's annual international convention in Austin, Texas. KOA also celebrated its 51st anniversary.

Founded in 1962 on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Mont., Kampgrounds of America now has 486 KOAs in the U.S. and Canada.

The Coloma/St. Joseph KOA Campground is at 3527 Coloma Road in Hagar Township, west of Coloma.

If gov't backs in-flight calls, will the airlines?

By SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
AP Airlines Writer

Matt Slocum / AP

A passenger checks her cell phone before an Oct. 31 flight in Boston. The Federal Communications Commission might be ready to permit cellphone calls in flight. They could result in more revenue for airlines, but that extra money might not be worth the backlash from fliers who view overly-chatty neighbors as an inconvenience.

NEW YORK — The Federal Communications Commission might be ready to permit cellphone calls in flight. But what about the airlines?

Old concerns about electronics being a danger to airplane navigation have been debunked. And airlines could make some extra cash charging passengers to call a loved one from 35,000 feet. But that extra money might not be worth the backlash from fliers who view overly chatty neighbors as another inconvenience to go along with smaller seats and stuffed overhead bins.

"Common courtesy goes out the window when people step in that metal tube," says James Patrick II, a frequent flier from Newnan, Ga. "You think the debates and fistfights over reclining the seat back was bad. Wait until guys start slugging it out over someone talking too loud on the phone."

That's one of the reasons the country's largest flight attendant union has come out against allowing calls in flight. The FCC is proposing to lift an existing ban, and airlines would have to decide whether to let passengers make calls. The ban would remain in effect during takeoff and landing.

Delta Air Lines is the only major airline to explicitly state that voice calls won't be allowed on its flights, even if the FCC allows it. Delta says years of feedback from customers show "the overwhelming sentiment" is to continue prohibiting calls.

Other airlines aren't as firm.

United Airlines says that if the FCC changes its rules, "we will study it along with feedback from customers and crews." American Airlines has offered a similar approach. So has JetBlue, which says it would "welcome the opportunity to explore" voice calls but "would prioritize making the cabin comfortable and welcoming for all."

Confused yet?

Well, to complicate matters even more, the airlines actually don't need to wait for the FCC. Yes, the government would need to remove the restriction for you to make normal calls in flight. But there are already plenty of ways to make calls legally over airline Wi-Fi networks, while keeping your phone in "airplane mode." The airlines just choose to block such calls.

Just as many schools and workplaces block access to pornography websites, airlines use similar filters to block access to Skype and other Internet calling services.

Gogo Inc., which provides Internet access on American, Alaska Airlines, Delta, United, US Airways and Virgin America flights, recently announced a new service for passengers to send and receive text messages or make phone calls using Wi-Fi.

A U.S. airline Gogo wouldn't name will launch the service early next year with only text-messaging capabilities.

"We know that the talk portion for commercial aviation is not really something airlines or their passengers want," Gogo spokesman Steve Nolan says.

The talk function was designed for private jets and international airlines. Most Middle East airlines and a few in Asia and Europe already allow voice calls on planes.

Gogo's chief competitor, Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.'s Row 44, will debut gate-to-gate text service for $2 a flight on select Southwest Airlines aircraft Monday.

Tom Wheeler, who became the FCC's chairman three weeks ago, issued a statement Thursday saying that "modern technologies can deliver mobile services in the air safely and reliably and the time is right to review our outdated and restrictive rules." Travelers protested to the agency and on social media. On a White House website, a petition opposing the FCC's move attracted more than 2,000 signatures by Saturday afternoon.

Wheeler backed off Friday. He clarified that "airlines are best positioned" to make decisions about what's in the interests of passengers. The FCC's role should just be to decide what is safe or not, and cellphone calls are safe, he said.

"We understand that many passengers would prefer that voice calls not be made on airplanes," Wheeler said. "I feel that way myself."

Wheeler declined to speak with The Associated Press. Any change would likely take at least a year to take effect.

Airline consultant Robert Mann says airlines have been using the FCC as an excuse not to allow cellphone use. He believes the agency wants to get itself

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NEW IN BUSINESS

Orchards Mall 5 and 2 hopes shoppers get their fill

New discount store opens in Orchards Mall

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Like the five loaves and two fish that fed 5,000 in the Gospel of John, the owners of the new 5 and 2 Discount store think people's money will go a long way during a visit to their store.

"The meaning behind the name was the Bible story where Jesus fed the crowd. Bonnie Balos came up with the idea," said Tom Majerek, who owns the new business along with the Balos family. It's managed by brother and sister Jimmy Balos and Bonnie Balos.

They opened 5 and 2 in the Orchards Mall in the storefront that previously housed Majerek's, which closed earlier this year.

"We had some success in Niles with a clearance sale discount store. The Balos family performs music, and this is a day job for them. We thought it would make a good team if we work together," Majerek said. "They are genuinely kind people built for customer service."

He said, basically, when Majerek's was getting ready to close, "We got out of the new book business and started buying discount books."

He said most of the books at 5 and 2 are less than $5, and children's books start at 99 cents.

"And our greeting cards, most Hallmark branded, are buy one, get one free. We're adding new supplies. There's a discount lineup all the time," Majerek said.

Besides cards and books, 5 and 2 Discount has Wolfgang Puck brand cookware, a large selection of lamps, Christmas products, cleaning supplies, skin care and hair care products, pet items and gifts, all at discount prices.

"There's nothing you might not find here," Majerek said. "We never know what we're going to get in. Sometimes we get mixed van-loads of all kinds of products."

He said the store, near JCPenney, has been well-received. "Most of the response we get is, 'Wow, this is my new favorite store.'"

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11-6 Sunday.

Dr. ZZZZ'Z Mattress Center moves, expands

BENTON TOWNSHIP — When the Zimpfer family decided it was time to expand their Dr. ZZZZ'Z Mattress Center, they didn't have to look far.

"We moved across the hall from a smaller space into a very large space and tripled our selection," said Norbert Zimpfer. "We've been in the mall for over nine years. We saw the potential, and (Orchards Mall) gave us incentive to stay and expand here."

Formerly located next to the Sears Hometown Store, Dr. ZZZZ'Z is now across from Sears. The new location is a little more than 11,000 square feet, compared to a little over 4,000 square feet at the previous location.

Zimpfer said that, with 60 different bed choices on the floor, "we have the largest selection in Southwest Michigan."

He said that besides being larger, the new storefront is better lit and has a lot more window frontage.

"Business has picked up (since the move)," he said. "I would dare say we've doubled our business. We'd been contemplating moving possibly into a strip mall or a freestanding building, but this was a good move."

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Missing the bigger Obamacare picture

Herbert Egert couldn't wait for the fixes to the health exchange in his home state of Maryland. The managing partner of Affinity Dental Associates renewed with his current health care provider at a significant increase in rates.

Egert's practice provides health insurance to employees who work at least 24 hours a week. The insurer covering his employees offered to renew the contract, which ends in March, by the end of December at a 32 percent increase. Egert wanted to wait to see what the exchanges had to offer. But he was concerned if he waited his premium would be even higher when he had to renew next year. He also wasn't completely sure he might find lower-cost coverage through the marketplaces. He gave up trying to access the exchange website despite feeling that his renewal hike is too high and not justified.

I've been writing a series of columns explaining various aspects of the new health care exchanges. As part of the series, I've been following Egert's efforts to get coverage. As an employer with 50 or fewer full-time workers, Egert was also interested in the Small Business Health Options Program Marketplace, commonly known as SHOP. In that exchange, his business could receive a health care tax credit worth up to 50 percent of premium costs.

But even this option doesn't work for the practice right now.

The Maryland SHOP exchange will not be ready until April to allow for more testing, the state announced recently. It was a second delay. Officials first said the exchange would be ready in January, a postponement from the original start date of Oct. 1.

That was too many delays

Michelle Singletary

and uncertainties for Egert. Unsure of what coverage he could get and at what cost, he felt he had no choice but to renew with his current provider. But even so, Egert hasn't soured on the Affordable Caret Act.

"The ACA will insure tens of millions of people that couldn't get coverage before," he said. "I am still supportive of the law. I will look at the new small-group plans when they become available."

Although anecdotal, Egert's story represents the feelings of a lot of people across the country who needed things to go smoothly. The momentum that President Obama had going into the launch has been lost. Fault is now the front-page story. Pundits and politicians are one-upping each other to see who can come up with the best zingers. None of the taunting helps people.

But if you're interested, the marketplaces are still open. True, they are still having trouble. But they are open nonetheless. If you're having difficulty navigating through HealthCare.gov or your state's exchange website, the Kaiser Family Foundation has updated a tool, also available in Spanish, that calculates health insurance premiums and subsidies in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. You can find it at kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

I hope the Obama administration is right when it pledges that by the end of this month, many more website users will be able to move faster through the system, see fewer error messages and be able to complete their applications and enroll in one sitting. The administration says it has trained more than 68,000 brokers and agents, more than 10,000 call-center representatives, more than 17,000 certified application counselors, and more than 2,900 navigators. It also is working to set up direct enrollment through insurance companies.

Officials say processing times are likely to vary, based on the complexity of a household, the number of household members applying for coverage, and the completeness of the application and supporting documents that are submitted. If needed, marketplace personnel may follow up during processing to request additional information or documentation.

I don't want to join the chorus of chastisers about all the problems with Obamacare and HealthCare.gov. Push the administration to do better, but let's not forget who this is about. It's about the many people who are still not sure whether and when they might get access to affordable health care. I've worked with many people who are struggling to pay medical bills because they didn't have health insurance. I counsel people who have had to forgo getting insurance because they lost a job and now their most pressing need is food and a roof over their head. They worry about getting sick. Or they worry about their kids getting sick. They need the new system to work.

I'm rooting for the fixes not because of any political affiliation but because I can see the need. Perhaps there's a better solution to the ACA. But right now, it's all we've got.

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Ask the Fool

Best Time to Buy

Q Is there a best time of day, week, month or year to buy stocks? — A.K., Pueblo, Colo.

A The best time isn't found on a calendar or clock — it's different for each person. To determine if you're ready to buy a stock, ask yourself whether you've done enough research to be confident that the company is financially healthy and growing, has sustainable advantages over its competitors and has a promising future.

Then determine whether the current stock price is low enough to offer a good chance of growth. Some terrific companies might be priced so high that it's hard to rationally imagine them advancing much more in the next few years.

Evaluating a company's fair value is not easy, though. Measures such as price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and price-to-cash-flow ratios can help, but in order to keep improving your results, keep learning more. You can do so at fool.com/how-to-invest and at dailyfinance.com.

Once you're confident you've found a great company selling at a good or great price, that's the best time to buy.

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Q What do tulips have to do with stocks? I see references to them sometimes. — O., Flint, Mich.

A They're references to the great "tulipmania" bubble that grew in Holland in the mid-1600s. That was one of the first documented cases of a speculative investing frenzy. Incredibly, people took out loans on their homes in order to buy tulip bulbs. Prices soared to the modern-day equivalent of tens of thousands of dollars per bulb, and more. The bubble eventually burst, wiping out many investors.

The easiest way to avoid such trouble is to avoid borrowing money to invest — and to be wary of stocks that seem to have soared beyond reason.

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Big tax savings don't just happen. You have to plan for them and take certain actions — often before the end of the year. For example:

• Review your capital gains and losses. If you're looking at substantial gains on which you'll be taxed in the coming year, you might want to sell some stock for a loss to offset some or all of those gains. (You can buy that stock back, too, after 30 days.)

• If you believe your tax bracket next year will be no higher than this year, you're itemizing your deductions, and you won't be bothered by any alternative minimum tax issues, consider making your state and/or local tax payments before the end of this year. You're going to owe the money anyway, so if you pay now, you can take the federal tax deduction this year instead of next.

• Don't forget your IRA and/or your employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k). The maximum 2013 IRA contribution is $5,500 (plus $1,000 if you're 50 or older), and it's $17,500 (plus $5,500) for 401(k)s. For both, the 2013 contribution deadline is actually April 15, 2014, but earlier contributions have longer to grow. (Learn more about these plans at fool.com/retirement.)

• Don't overlook valuable credits. If you have modest means and you're contributing to retirement plans, you may be eligible for the Savers Credit, worth up to $1,000 for a single person and $2,000 for couples.

If you pay someone to care for your child under age 13 so that you can work, you might be eligible for the Child and Dependent Care Credit. The Child Tax Credit can save you $1,000 per qualifying child under the age of 17. If you've recently adopted a child, you may be able to enjoy a credit of up to $12,970.

The American Opportunity Credit offers savings of up to $2,500 per eligible student for qualified tuition and fees paid by or for the student. The Lifetime Learning Credit offers up to $2,000.

For much more tax information, head to irs.gov and fool.com/taxes.

My Dumbest Investment

A Las Vegas Loss

My dumbest investment was buying a house in Las Vegas in October 2007. After only two years, it had lost about 40 percent of its sales value — while I was sleeping in it. Two refinances later, and now a planned strategic sale by the end of the year, and I'm hoping I can get out of this "investment" essentially even (with the bonus of having lived in it for six years). I will be completely debt-free! But I'll also be homeless, looking for a single-level, three-bedroom, two-bath rental. — M., online

The Fool Responds: Housing markets can be surprisingly volatile at times, and it can be a mistake to think of your primary home as an investment. (Forone thing, over the long run, on average, stocks tend to grow in value more rapidly.) There are upsides to buying a home, such as equity growth, but there are other considerations, too, such as taxes, insurance, maintenance, repairs and utility costs.

You can often save money by renting a home, and if you sock those savings into a retirement account, you can often build an equity-like nest egg.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Qualcomm: An Overlooked Value

You may not have heard of Qualcomm (Nasdaq: QCOM), but its technology is found inside just about every smartphone, from Androids to Apple devices. The company not only makes semiconductors, but also derives billions annually from the licensing of its many patents.

Qualcomm collects a 3 percent to 5 percent royalty on the sale price of each cellular device sold. It offers a 2 percent dividend yield, too, with the payout having doubled in just a few years.

Qualcomm does face formidable competition, such as from Intel and Broadcom, but it's still a dominant force, with a recent market share of 53 percent for smartphone applications processing.

Growth prospects for Qualcomm are solid as it expands into territory such as telemedicine, where it connects medical devices, facilitating the capture and transfer of biometric data, among other things.

Indeed, CEO Paul Jacobs sees Qualcomm's mobile technology playing a role in everything from medicine to virtual reality-like interfaces between the physical world and the Internet, with the potential for products such as wearable computing devices and other mobile-savvy inventions transforming the world.

Bears worry about competition and a slowdown in the smartphone market, but with a recent price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 18, well below its five-year average of 24, Qualcomm deserves consideration.

Name That Company

I was founded in 1886 as the California Perfume Company by a bookseller who found his customers more interested in perfume. Headquartered in Manhattan today, I'm a global beauty company, raking in more than $10 billion annually (though my earnings have been shrinking lately). For more than 125 years, my business model has featured women selling directly to other women, and today my network of sellers tops 6 million people in more than 100 countries. I owned Tiffany from 1979 to 1984. I ended animal testing in 1989. My brands include ANEW, Skin-So-Soft, Advance Techniques and mark. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was founded in 1998 in California and went public in 2004. Since then, my stock has grown in value more than tenfold. I began in 1996 as an online tool called BackRub that used links to determine the importance of individual pages on the Internet. My current name is a play on the number that's a 1 followed by 100 zeros. Over the years, I've acquired Picasa, YouTube, Zagat and Motorola Mobility. I rake in more than $57 billion annually, keeping more than $12 billion as income. My mission is to organize the world's information. Who am I? (Answer: Google)

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Maximize your social media investment

Should your small business use social media?

Judging by how often it's mentioned in articles and conversations, the answer at first glance would appear to be "yes." But determining whether social media truly is a worthwhile marketing tool for your business requires some research and careful consideration.

For all their high-tech attributes, social media is still fundamentally a means of communication with a specific audience. To get the most from it, you must first learn whether it's a viable way of reaching current and potential customers. And that, says Robbin Block, owner of Blockbeta Marketing, Seattle, means understanding the fundamentals of marketing.

"Who's your target audience, where do they get their information, what do they care about – that's how you find the right media mix that makes sense for you," she said. Equally important is to understand the various social media tools themselves, how they work, who uses them, and how they might be applied to your business. That part is relatively easy, as every small business owner can benefit by using at least one social media "listening post" to keep up with news and trends affecting your customers, your industry, and your community. For example, you can follow Twitter posts of leading experts, join in LinkedIn discussions, or see what other businesses in your community are up to via their Facebook pages. If you do elect to start using social media to reach customers, you'll need to gauge its effectiveness, just as you do with any other marketing tool.

Heather Dougherty, a leading authority in online communication and marketing, and director of research for Experian Hitwise, encourages entrepreneurs to look beyond basic numbers.

"Size of the user-base – the number of people who like or follow you – is obvious," she said, "but it's more important to monitor engagement." For example, how often are the users interacting with your social media, and are you giving them a reason to interact?

"Many businesses have experimented with contests and giveaways to increase their user base, but then never engage with the group," Dougherty said. "Content as simple as fun facts related to your business can give those users a reason to interact or share with friends."

It's also essential that potential followers of your social media communication be able to find you. That's why search engine optimization (SEO) is as important as ever. An easy way to get started is by using the keyword tool Google Adwords to test the popularity of your keywords and tags. The tool provides estimated monthly traffic numbers and suggestions for similar ones to use. (Note, make sure the suggested words will attract the searches that you want.)

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Daughter needs a hand getting a loan

DEAR BRUCE: My husband, who is 60 years old, is looking to retire in two years. I retired five years ago.

Bruce Williams

We have saved our whole lives and have a credit score of 849.

Our daughter, who is going through a divorce, has some money problems. Her vehicle needs to be replaced, and she will not qualify for a car loan on her own. We would like to co-sign on a car loan with her to help her out.

Can we do this without compromising our credit rating and still be OK when my husband retires? Is there anything we should do to cover ourselves? – M.B., via email

DEAR M.B.: I don't have any problem with what you want to do, assuming you feel that you can afford the money. There is nothing I can see that will compromise your credit rating. The only thing is, if your daughter doesn't make the payments, you are stuck with paying the balance of the loan.

You ask if there's a way to cover yourselves. Unfortunately, that's not possible. Your daughter apparently has severe financial problems, and nobody wants to loan her money. You're as good as gold and can easily get a loan, but you must understand that if she doesn't make the payments, you are directly on the hook. If you don't make the payments, then your credit rating will be compromised.

Money&Markets Extra

Don't bet your shirt on a great 2014 for stocks

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AP Business Writer

Don't bet your shirt on a repeat performance.

That's the message from some of the nation's biggest investment firms as the Dow Jones industrial average has closed above 16,000 for the first time and the Standard & Poor's 500 index is on the cusp of its best year in a decade with a gain of 25.9 percent.

Although investment professionals still are optimistic, investors shouldn't expect such outsized gains will be repeated.

The S&P 500, the Dow and other stock indexes have risen steadily as the Federal Reserve has maintained its economic stimulus to keep long-term interest rates low, and the economy has continued to strengthen. Although economic growth hasn't been spectacular, it has been strong enough to enable companies to keep increasing their earnings.

We asked professionals at three big money managers, T. Rowe Price, Franklin Templeton and BlackRock for their thoughts on how the stock market will shape up next year.

ON THE OUTLOOK FOR STOCKS

A double-digit gain is not out of the question.

Many of the tail winds for the stock market are still in place, but they may start to weaken next year. Corporate earnings are strong, but profit margins could be peaking. Interest rates are still low compared to historical levels, but will likely rise gradually, particularly if the Fed starts to pull-back on its bond-buying stimulus.

However, the biggest challenge to the stock market is that valuations have risen so much this year, says Larry Puglia, portfolio manager of T. Rowe Price's Blue Chip Growth fund. That is to say, investors have been willing to pay more for a company's future earnings, pushing up prices. The price-earnings ratio for S&P 500 companies has risen to 15, from 12.5 at the start of this year, according to FactSet.

"We still find selected stocks attractive and think that the market's OK, but I would be surprised if the market....was able to duplicate the type of gains we've had this year," says Puglia. He still thinks stocks could rise as much as 10 percent.

Conrad Hermann, a portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton says that statistics show that when the market logs an annual gain of 20 percent or more, it has been followed by another year of gains on two out three occasions – for an average gain of 11.5 percent the next year.

ON THE BEST INDUSTRY TO INVEST IN

Technology companies are the big favorite.

The tech industry should benefit from rising spending in an improving global economy, says BlackRock's chief investment strategist Russ Koesterich. He also says that technology stocks are typically less sensitive to rising interest rates than other industry groups are.

Many tech stocks don't pay a dividend, making them less sensitive to higher bond yields, and with strong new products they should grow profits. That suggests if interest rates climb, tech stocks should perform better than the overall market.

ON A REDUCTION OF FED STIMULUS

Investors have been obsessed with the Fed all year and the stock market's biggest setbacks have come when they thought that policymakers were poised to cut back on economic stimulus. The S&P 500 has dropped in only two months this year, June and August. In both months investors sold stocks on concern that the Fed was about to stop its stimulus.

Instead, the central bank surprised investors in September by continuing its stimulus and now investors are getting more accustomed to the idea the Fed's efforts must end at some point. Sure, there may be a knee-jerk reaction when the Fed acts, but it won't last. Ultimately investors will see the end of stimulus as a sign that the economy is continuing to improve.

ON THE BIGGEST RISKS

Unsurprisingly, the dysfunction in Washington is still at the forefront of investors' minds. The 16-day partial government shutdown in October hurt consumer confidence and crimped economic growth. A repeat of that political wrangling next year would likely hurt the economy again.

Stocks are also vulnerable to a sharp rise in interest rates. The market's rally from its lows in March 2009 has been underpinned by low interest rates which has made stock market returns more attractive. If bond yields were to rise suddenly the economy would suffer.

"If interest rates were to (go) back up dramatically that would probably be a bad thing," says Franklin Templeton's Hermann, who manages the Franklin Flex Cap Growth fund. "We're still in a very fragile economy and we don't want to suddenly tilt into another recession."

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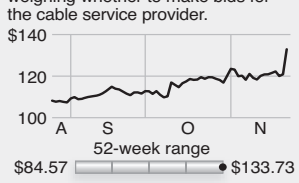
AT&T Inc	T	32.71	39.00	**35.42**	**-0.01**	0.0	▲	▲	5.1	+9.96	11.8	26	5.1
AEP	AEP	40.56	51.60	**47.70**	**-0.14**	-0.3	▲	▲	11.8	+21.13	14.4	20	4.2
Apple Inc	AAPL	385.10	606.50	**519.80**	**-5.19**	-1.0	▼	▲	-2.3	–5.36	45.4	13	2.3
AutoZone	AZO	341.98	469.61	**467.69**	**3.61**	0.8	▲	▲	32.0	+22.47	38.3	17	...
BP PLC	BP	39.99	47.45	**48.03**	**0.85**	1.8	▲	▲	15.3	+20.72	6.0	11	4.7
BonTon	BONT	9.90	22.68	**17.26**	**3.97**	29.9	▲	▲	42.0	+56.48	81.1	58	1.2
CMS Eng	CMS	23.03	29.98	**27.31**	**-0.30**	-1.1	▼	▲	12.0	+20.50	26.7	19	3.7
ChemFinl	CHFC	21.08	31.53	**31.10**	**1.41**	4.7	▲	▲	30.9	+49.09	10.4	16	3.0
CocaCola	KO	35.58	43.43	**40.43**	**0.21**	0.5	▲	▲	11.5	+11.06	15.5	21	2.8
Comcast	CMCSA	35.50	48.90	**49.52**	**1.79**	3.8	▲	▲	32.5	+37.76	29.9	21	1.6
Deere	DE	79.50	95.60	**84.77**	**1.94**	2.3	▲	▲	-1.9	+4.74	24.4	10	2.4
Disney	DIS	47.45	70.17	**70.20**	**0.20**	0.3	▲	▲	41.0	+45.75	28.0	21	1.1
ExxonMbl	XOM	84.70	96.00	**95.01**	**-0.26**	-0.3	▲	▲	9.8	+10.75	6.7	10	2.7
FamilyDlr	FDO	54.06	75.29	**70.54**	**0.52**	0.7	▲	▼	11.2	+3.92	23.9	18	1.5
FifthThird	FITB	14.05	20.98	**20.58**	**0.64**	3.2	▲	▲	35.4	+44.24	23.7	10	2.3
1stSource	SRCE	20.67	32.50	**32.05**	**0.43**	1.4	▲	▲	45.1	+57.66	12.0	15	2.1
FordM	F	10.65	18.02	**17.01**	**-0.06**	-0.4	▼	▲	31.4	+59.43	65.2	13	2.4
GenElec	GE	20.26	27.50	**27.08**	**-0.12**	-0.4	▲	▲	29.0	+34.62	16.7	20	2.8
Google	GOOG	655.53	1048.74	**1031.89**	**-1.67**	-0.2	▲	▲	45.9	+54.97	31.5	28	...
HomeDp	HD	60.21	82.27	**79.18**	**-0.85**	-1.1	▲	▲	28.0	+25.82	34.4	21	2.0
HorizBcp	HBNC	16.43	25.48	**22.76**	**0.96**	4.4	▲	▼	15.8	+30.46	30.2	10	1.9
HuntBncsh	HBAN	5.99	9.06	**9.14**	**0.18**	2.0	▲	▲	43.0	+52.54	9.3	13	2.2
IDEX	IEX	42.26	71.55	**71.66**	**0.84**	1.2	▲	▲	54.0	+67.47	31.2	24	1.3
IntegrysE	TEG	51.21	63.58	**56.40**	**-0.67**	-1.2	▼	▼	8.0	+12.44	9.5	15	4.8
IBM	IBM	172.57	215.90	**181.30**	**-1.89**	-1.0	▲	▼	-5.4	–2.78	21.2	12	2.1
JPMorgCh	JPM	39.88	57.40	**57.46**	**2.59**	4.7	▲	▲	31.6	+44.41	22.0	13	2.6
JohnJn	JNJ	68.60	95.75	**95.25**	**1.52**	1.6	▲	▲	35.9	+41.47	12.8	21	2.8
JournalCm	JRN	4.99	9.52	**9.17**	**0.53**	6.1	▲	▲	69.5	+67.03	41.9	15	...
Lowes	LOW	33.73	52.08	**47.90**	**-3.87**	-7.5	▼	▲	34.9	+40.61	24.1	23	1.5
McDnlds	MCD	84.37	103.70	**98.27**	**1.35**	1.4	▲	▲	11.4	+17.84	15.0	18	3.3
Microsoft	MSFT	26.26	38.22	**37.57**	**0.01**	0.0	▲	▲	40.7	+43.01	15.9	14	3.0
MillerHer	MLHR	19.19	31.72	**31.61**	**0.68**	2.2	▲	▲	47.3	+60.94	21.8	26	1.6
Penney	JCP	6.24	23.10	**8.87**	**-0.16**	-1.8	▲	▼	-55.0	–48.58	-5.1	...	...
Perrigo	PRGO	98.79	155.09	**155.28**	**2.15**	1.4	▲	▲	49.3	+52.38	38.3	31	0.2
Pfizer	PFE	23.87	32.21	**32.12**	**-0.08**	-0.2	▲	▲	28.1	+35.85	18.3	17	3.0
ProctGam	PG	66.83	84.98	**84.95**	**0.11**	0.1	▲	▲	25.1	+27.53	8.6	22	2.8
RepubSvc	RSG	27.02	35.61	**35.02**	**-0.09**	-0.3	▲	▲	19.4	+30.14	13.2	24	3.0
SearsHldgs	SHLD	38.40	66.00	**61.34**	**-3.05**	-4.7	▲	▲	48.3	+29.16	17.5	...	...
Steelcse	SCS	10.44	16.95	**16.62**	**0.63**	3.9	▲	▲	30.5	+56.06	27.0	59	2.4
Stryker	SYK	52.49	74.86	**74.28**	**0.07**	0.1	▼	▲	35.5	+40.82	15.9	27	1.4
Target	TGT	58.01	73.50	**63.70**	**-2.76**	-4.2	▼	▼	7.7	+2.45	19.8	17	2.7
TractSup s	TSCO	41.20	74.91	**73.19**	**-0.90**	-1.2	▬	▲	65.7	+64.04	53.5	33	0.7
UPS B	UPS	70.33	101.75	**101.98**	**1.04**	1.0	▲	▲	38.3	+46.30	16.6	66	2.4
VerizonCm	VZ	41.50	54.31	**50.22**	**-0.09**	-0.2	▼	▲	16.1	+21.17	17.6	71	4.2
WalMart	WMT	67.37	79.96	**79.81**	**0.59**	0.7	▲	▲	17.0	+18.48	10.4	15	2.4
Walgrn	WAG	32.35	60.87	**60.50**	**0.22**	0.4	▲	▲	63.5	+89.03	22.8	24	2.1
Wendys Co	WEN	4.43	9.51	**8.68**	**-0.27**	-3.0	▬	▲	84.7	+92.39	23.5	87	2.3
Whrlpl	WHR	96.55	152.93	**150.28**	**-0.56**	-0.4	▲	▲	47.7	+51.10	38.0	14	1.7
Worthgtn	WOR	21.91	41.38	**41.25**	**1.22**	3.0	▲	▲	58.7	+86.81	34.0	21	1.5
XPO Logis	XPO	13.55	25.68	**20.82**	**-1.34**	-6.0	▼	▼	19.8	+31.77	39.1	...	...

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (far-left box) to bottom 20 percent (far-right box).

StoryStocks

The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,800 for the first time Friday, while the Dow Jones industrial average maintained an upward march after finishing above 16,000 for the first time a day earlier. Health care stocks helped lift the broader market. A combination of solid corporate earnings, a strengthening economy and easy-money policies from the Federal Reserve continue to draw investors to stocks.

Time Warner Cable TWC
Close: **$132.92 ▲12.06 or 10.0%**
The stock jumped on reports that two cable television operators are weighing whether to make bids for the cable service provider.


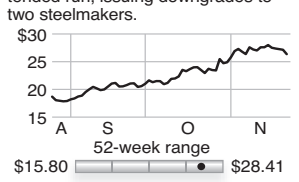
Vol.: **12.6m (6.3x avg.)** PE: **20.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$37.47 b** Yield: **2.0%**

The Gap GPS
Close: **$41.31 ▼-0.55 or -1.3%**
The retailer posted a spike in quarterly profit, but its conservative annual outlook implied a tough holiday season ahead.

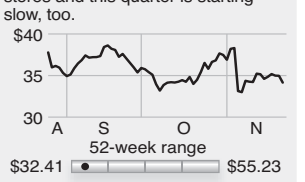
Vol.: **7.5m (1.6x avg.)** PE: **15.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$19.31 b** Yield: **1.9%**

LDK Solar LDK
Close: **$1.60 unchanged or 0%**
China's second-largest solar company signed a deal with 11 banks for a $256 million credit facility to boost production.

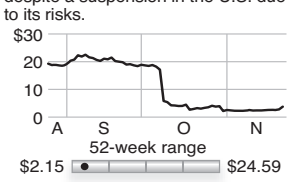
Vol.: **3.0m (1.0x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$254.12 m** Yield: **...**

US Steel X
Close: **$26.36 ▼-0.79 or -2.9%**
Wells Fargo sees prices falling during the first half of 2014 after an extended run, issuing downgrades to two steelmakers.


Vol.: **9.6m (1.3x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$3.81 b** Yield: **0.8%**
SOURCE: Sungard

Abercrombie & Fitch ANF
Close: **$34.15 ▼-0.82 or -2.3%**
The retailer lost money during the third quarter as it closed Gilly Hicks stores and this quarter is starting slow, too.


Vol.: **5.1m (1.5x avg.)** PE: **12.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$2.61 b** Yield: **2.3%**

Ariad Pharma. ARIA
Close: **$3.78 ▲0.99 or 35.5%**
European regulators will allow the company to market its leukemia drug despite a suspension in the U.S. due to its risks.


Vol.: **71.3m (5.4x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$701.78 m** Yield: **...**
AP

Company Spotlight

Nike increases dividend

Nike announced Thursday that it will increase its quarterly dividend by 14 percent.

The athletic shoe maker's new dividend of 24 cents per share will be paid on Jan. 6 to shareholders of record as of Dec. 16. That's up from its most recent dividend of 21 cents per share.

Nike was added to the Dow Jones industrial average on Sept. 23, and immediately ranked near the top of the 30 stocks that make up the average. Its rise of more than 50 percent this year ranks second only to Boeing's nearly 80 percent climb.

All of the Dow stocks pay a dividend. Even with the new dividend payment, Nike's yield will be one of the lowest in the Dow at 1.2 percent. That's a full percentage point below the average yield of the Dow 30.

NIKE (NKE) Friday's close: **$78.87**
52-WEEK RANGE $47 – 79
Price-earnings ratio (Based on trailing 12 month results): **29**
Total return 1-YR: **67%** 3-YR*: **24%** 10-YR*: **19%** Ann. dividend: **$0.84** Div. yield: **1.1%**

AP Total returns through Nov. 22 *Annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

MutualFundCategories

SPECIALTY FUNDS	YTD	PERCENT RETURN 1YR	3YR	5YR
Conservative Allocation (CA)	6.36	8.13	6.47	11.60
Moderate Allocation (MA)	15.14	18.24	10.12	14.95
Health (SH)	43.96	46.43	24.31	23.63
Natural Resources (SN)	7.64	11.69	2.81	16.96
Real Estate (SR)	1.95	6.68	10.33	24.13
Technology (ST)	27.58	33.76	11.15	24.18
BALANCED				
Target-Date 2000-2010 (TA)	7.18	9.30	6.42	12.11
Target-Date 2011-2015 (TD)	8.48	10.90	7.57	13.72
Target-Date 2016-2020 (TE)	9.88	12.65	8.04	14.37
INTERNATIONAL				
Divers. Emerging Mkt. (EM)	-0.52	6.82	-0.92	18.12
Europe Stock (ES)	21.74	30.01	9.59	17.51
Foreign Small/Mid Val (FA)	21.63	30.18	9.15	20.44
Foreign Large Blend (FB)	16.75	24.46	6.92	15.19
Foreign Large Growth (FG)	15.46	22.25	6.96	16.98
Foreign Small/Mid Gr. (FR)	22.46	28.82	10.92	22.92
Foreign Large Value (FV)	18.93	27.00	7.41	14.81
World Allocation (IH)	8.80	12.37	7.14	14.09
World Stock (WS)	22.11	27.96	10.69	18.59

	VALUE	BLEND	GROWTH
LARGE-CAP YTD	26.1 LV	32.8 LB	27.0 LG
LARGE-CAP 1YR	30.5	36.2	29.1
LARGE-CAP 3YR	15.5	19.1	16.7
LARGE-CAP 5YR	16.4	19.9	22.4
MID-CAP YTD	38.4 MV	28.8 MB	29.0 MG
MID-CAP 1YR	45.7	34.0	33.9
MID-CAP 3YR	19.0	18.3	15.3
MID-CAP 5YR	25.8	27.5	25.8
SMALL-CAP YTD	30.8 SV	32.3 SB	37.8 SG
SMALL-CAP 1YR	38.4	39.9	45.4
SMALL-CAP 3YR	17.6	16.6	18.8
SMALL-CAP 5YR	26.7	26.7	27.2

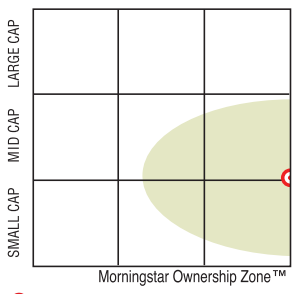
BOND FUNDS

Interm-Term Bond (CI)	-1.07	-0.66	3.43	7.43
Interm. Government (GI)	-2.00	-1.90	1.96	4.22
High Yield Muni (HM)	-5.65	-6.21	5.17	7.78
High Yield Bond (HY)	6.06	8.56	8.14	17.24
Muni National Interm (MI)	-2.25	-2.97	3.60	5.16
Muni National Long (ML)	-4.43	-5.48	4.27	6.12
Muni Short (MS)	-0.08	-0.38	1.64	2.50

FundFocus

Morningstar notes that although this fund is trailing its peers this year, it's still up more than 30 percent and has consistently been competitive over the years.

Baron SmCap b BSCFX



Fund target represents weighted average of stock holdings
Represents 75% of fund's stock holdings

CATEGORY	Small Growth
MORNINGSTAR RATING™	★★★★☆
ASSETS	$3,745 million
EXP RATIO	1.31%
MANAGER	Clifford Greenberg
SINCE	1997-09-30
RETURNS 3-MO	+9.6
YTD	+32.1
1-YR	+38.6
3-YR ANNL	+17.7
5-YR-ANNL	+25.5

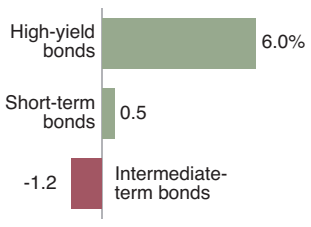
TOP 5 HOLDINGS	PCT
SBA Communications Corp	3.73
Penn National Gaming	3.08
Liberty Media Corporation Class A	2.73
TransDigm Group Inc	2.57
Gartner, Inc. Class A	2.5

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AQR			
MaFtStrl	10.28	+.07	+10.1
AllianzGI			
NFJAllCpValIns	15.82	+.14	+31.0
NFJSmCVIs	38.49	+.03	+33.9
American Beacon			
LgCpVlInv	27.09	+.18	+37.8
LgCpVlIs	28.62	+.19	+38.2
SmCapInst	28.76	+.15	+44.1
American Century			
EqIncInv	9.15	+.03	+21.3
HeritInv	28.56	-.33	+31.0
InvGrInv	33.57	-.09	+28.0
MdCpValInv	16.53	+.02	+33.2
UltraInv	34.25	+.06	+34.7
American Funds			
AMCAPA m	28.25	+.32	+37.3
BalA m	24.08	+.07	+22.5
BondA m	12.51	-.02	-1.1
CapIncBuA m	58.23	-.17	+16.1
CapWldBdA m	20.31	-.01	-1.8
CpWldGrIA m	44.45	+.17	+27.3
EurPacGrA m	47.88	+.23	+23.0
FnInvA m	51.47	+.19	+31.8
GlbBalA m	30.42	+.08	+18.1
GrthAmA m	44.42	+.26	+33.8
HiIncA m	11.34	+.01	+7.9
IncAmerA m	20.50	+.02	+19.2
IntBdAmA m	13.51	...	-0.5
IntlGrInA m	35.44	+.01	+21.6
InvCoAmA m	38.27	+.17	+32.1
MutualA m	35.06	+.13	+29.0
NewEconA m	39.11	+.42	+43.9
NewPerspA m	38.48	+.20	+29.1
NwWrldA m	58.93	-.02	+14.5
STBdFdA m	10.00	...	-0.2
SmCpWldA m	50.18	+.16	+32.0
TaxEBdAmA m	12.42	-.02	-3.5
USGovSecA m	13.78	-.03	-2.2
WAMutInvA m	39.66	+.25	+32.3
Artisan			
Intl d	29.56	-.24	+28.8
IntlVal d	35.69	-2.58	+34.0
MdCpVal	26.45	-1.35	+38.0
MidCap	46.07	-3.76	+37.9
Aston Funds			
MtgClGrl	29.97	+.31	+28.0
BBH			
TaxEffEq d	21.66	+.09	+26.7
Baron			
Growth b	72.03	+.01	+37.7
SmCap b	34.64	-.21	+38.6
Bernstein			
DiversMui	14.33	-.02	-1.7
IntDur	13.49	-.01	-1.6
TxMIntl	16.42	-.05	+25.5
BlackRock			
EqDivA m	23.91	+.16	+25.1
EqDivI	23.97	+.16	+25.5
EquitDivC m	23.36	+.15	+24.3
GlobAlcA m	22.15	+.04	+16.1
GlobAlcC m	20.55	+.03	+15.2
GlobAlcI	22.27	+.04	+16.4
HiYldBdIs	8.28	+.02	+11.3
HiYldInvA m	8.28	+.02	+10.9
Buffalo			
SmallCap d	39.76	-.31	+50.5
Cohen & Steers			
Realty	65.59	-1.37	+8.4
Columbia			
AcornA m	36.53	-.05	+32.1
AcornIntZ	47.95	-.10	+24.7
AcornZ	38.00	-.05	+32.5
DivIncZ	18.36	+.08	+28.3
DivOppA m	10.58	+.05	+28.0
LgCrQuantA m	8.42	+.05	+33.2
StLgCpGrZ	18.88	+.13	+40.9
TaxExmptA m	13.31	-.02	-4.3
DFA			
1YrFixInl	10.33	...	+0.4
2YrGlbFII	10.07	...	+0.5
5YrGlbFII	11.15	...	+0.6
EmMkCrEql	19.64	+.02	+6.2
EmMktVal	28.60	+.04	+7.0
EmMtSmCpI	20.65	+.04	+7.3
EmgMktI	26.41	+.04	+5.4
GlEqInst	17.60	+.06	+33.0
IntCorEql	12.60	...	+29.8
IntGovFII	12.49	...	-2.6
IntSmCapI	20.12	+.04	+39.4
IntlSCol	19.34	-.04	+32.6
IntlValuI	19.52	+.03	+29.9
RelEstScI	26.57	-.58	+7.0
TMMkWVal	23.24	+.27	+43.4
TMUSTarVal	32.17	+.23	+47.5
USCorEq1I	16.20	+.07	+37.7
USCorEq2I	16.10	+.09	+39.4
USLgCo	14.28	+.06	+32.5
USLgVall	30.99	+.43	+43.6
USMicroI	20.30	+.28	+49.6
USSmVall	35.65	+.29	+46.5
USSmalII	30.96	+.29	+45.9
USTgtValInst	23.36	+.10	+47.2
USVecEql	16.12	+.12	+42.9
Davis			
NYVentA m	41.94	+.20	+35.2
NYVentC m	40.16	+.19	+34.2
NYVentY	42.47	+.22	+35.6
Delaware Invest			
DiverInvA m	8.91	-.01	-0.9
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	96.75	+.52	+30.8
GlbStock	11.67	+.08	+38.3
Income	13.63	+.02	+0.9
IntlStk	42.72	+.23	+33.5
Stock	164.31	+1.30	+43.7
DoubleLine			
TotRetBdN b	10.93	-.03	+0.7
Dreyfus			
AppreciaInv	51.54	+.18	+20.8
IntlStkI	15.70	+.02	+14.7
MidCapIdx	37.40	-.08	+35.1
Driehaus			
ActiveInc	10.79	...	+4.2
Eaton Vance			
LrgCpValA m	24.54	+.21	+30.6
FMI			
LgCap	21.70	+.09	+30.5
FPA			
Cres d	33.51	+.12	+23.3
NewInc d	10.36	...	+1.1
Fairholme Funds			
Fairhome d	42.36	-.24	+42.1
Federated			
InstHiYIn d	10.21	+.01	+8.8
KaufmanR m	6.77	+.03	+42.3
StrVall	5.87	+.01	+22.9
ToRetIs	11.01	...	-0.4
Fidelity			
AstMgr20	13.59	...	+5.7
AstMgr50	18.28	+.01	+14.7
Bal	22.63	+.05	+20.2
BlChGrow	62.32	+.11	+38.4
CapApr	38.67	+.37	+35.7
CapInc d	9.81	+.02	+11.1
Contra	99.94	+.46	+33.0
DivGrow	35.49	+.17	+33.6
DivrIntl d	36.29	+.17	+27.5
EqInc	58.10	+.22	+29.1
EqInc II	24.20	+.13	+29.0
FF2015	12.92	+.02	+12.2
FF2035	13.60	+.04	+21.2
FF2040	9.57	+.02	+21.5
Fidelity	42.71	+.38	+28.9
FltRtHiIn d	9.99	...	+4.4
FourInOne	35.61	+.06	+26.6
Free2010	15.46	+.02	+11.7
Free2020	15.84	+.03	+13.8
Free2025	13.48	+.03	+17.1
Free2030	16.37	+.04	+18.2
GNMA	11.34	-.03	-1.1
GovtInc	10.27	-.01	-1.8
GrowCo	123.93	+.13	+35.8
GrowInc	27.43	+.15	+35.5
HiInc d	9.40	+.02	+8.2
Indepndnc	34.82	+.29	+40.1
IntBond	10.91	...	...
IntMuniInc d	10.22	-.01	-2.2
IntlDisc d	40.00	+.18	+28.3
InvGrdBd	7.73	...	-1.2
LevCoSt d	42.05	-.09	+39.1
LowPriStk d	49.34	+.05	+37.8
MIMuInc d	11.81	-.02	-3.3
Magellan	95.78	+.47	+35.1
MidCap d	38.87	-.04	+38.1
MuniInc d	12.73	-.02	-3.9
NewMktIn d	15.82	...	-4.5
OTC	77.00	-1.23	+45.8
Puritan	21.27	+.09	+20.4
RealInv d	32.29	-.75	+6.4
ShIntMu d	10.69	...	-0.1
ShTmBond	8.60	+.01	+0.9
SmCapDisc d	31.87	+.31	+47.3
StkSelec	36.74	+.07	+33.9
StratInc	11.02	+.01	+2.0
TotalBd	10.50	-.01	-0.4
USBdIdx	11.46	-.01	-1.6
USBdIdxInv	11.46	-.02	-1.7
Value	100.99	-.27	+39.5
Fidelity Advisor			
AstMgr70	20.39	+.02	+21.1
FltRateI d	9.99	+.01	+4.5
NewInsA m	29.30	+.13	+31.8
NewInsC m	27.51	+.13	+30.8
NewInsI	29.72	+.13	+32.1
StratIncA m	12.30	+.01	+1.7
Fidelity Select			
Biotech d	175.97	+6.88	+61.8
HealtCar d	198.62	+3.00	+53.3
Fidelity Spartan			
500IdxAdvtg	64.15	+.26	+32.5
500IdxAdvtgInst	64.16	+.27	+32.6
500IdxInstl	64.16	+.27	+32.6
500IdxInv	64.15	+.27	+32.5
ExtMktIdAg d	52.80	-.01	+40.3
IntlIdxAdg d	40.94	...	+28.0
TotMktIdAg d	53.32	+.17	+33.9
First Eagle			
GlbA m	55.14	-.12	+18.1
OverseasA m	24.31	-.08	+16.0
Forum			
AbStratI	11.05	-.05	-1.4
FrankTemp-Frank			
Fed TF A m	11.78	-.01	-5.4
FrankTemp-Franklin			
CA TF A m	6.95	...	-5.0
GrowthA m	63.63	+.45	+29.9
HY TF A m	9.86	-.03	-7.4
HighIncA m	2.10	...	+9.3
Income C m	2.43	...	+16.8
IncomeA m	2.40	-.01	+17.0
IncomeAdv	2.39	...	+17.3
NY TF A m	11.22	...	-5.6
RisDvA m	48.44	+.23	+31.5
StrIncA m	10.59	+.01	+4.3
TotalRetA m	9.97	-.03	-0.3
USGovA m	6.54	...	-0.6
Utils A m	15.10	-.21	+17.2
FrankTemp-Mutual			
Discov Z	35.31	+.18	+28.3
DiscovA m	34.76	+.19	+27.9
QuestZ	19.95	-.07	+27.0
Shares Z	28.20	+.12	+30.1
SharesA m	27.92	+.12	+29.8
FrankTemp-Templeton			
Fgn A m	8.59	+.04	+36.7
GlBond C m	13.12	+.03	+2.7
GlBondA m	13.10	+.04	+3.1
GlBondAdv	13.05	+.03	+3.3
GrowthA m	24.89	+.13	+36.8
WorldA m	20.11	+.09	+36.0
Franklin Templeton			
FndAllA m	13.33	-.03	+26.7
GE			
S&SUSEq	58.60	+.34	+36.3
GMO			
EmgMktsVI d	11.19	+.03	+3.5
IntlItVIV	25.49	+.14	+

MarketPulse

FALLING DEFAULTS
Encouraging news for junk-bond investors: The default rate continues to decline. Junk bonds are issued by companies with poor credit ratings and pay higher yields to make up for their riskiness. But they haven't been all that risky recently. The default rate over the 12 months through September was 2.23 percent, according to Standard & Poor's. That's down from 2.43 percent a quarter earlier and 2.75 percent a year earlier.

YTD mutual fund category returns

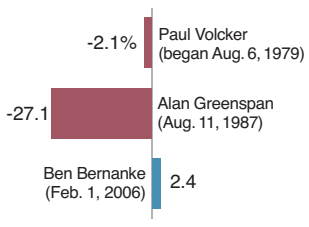


Data through Nov. 20
Source: Morningstar

GOLD IN DECLINE
The price of gold is heading for its first annual decline in 13 years. Gold was at $1,243.60 per ounce on Thursday, down 26 percent since the end of 2012, and some market forecasters say the rough streak for gold could continue. It's a sharp downturn for gold, which surged in recent years on worries that stimulus from the Federal Reserve could ignite inflation and weaken the dollar. Many investors buy gold as a way to protect against inflation, but the Fed is now talking about slowing its stimulus, and inflation remains tame. Barclays Research says gold could drop to $1,190 by the end of 2015.

BREAKING IN
The Senate seems ready to accept Janet Yellen, the nominee to take over the Federal Reserve: A Senate panel last week approved her nomination to replace Ben Bernanke as chairman when his term ends Jan. 31. But are investors? Incoming chairs of the central bank have seen varying market reactions at the start of their tenures. The S&P 500 has dropped an average of 1.3 percent in the three months after a new chairman takes over, according to S&P Capital IQ. But that includes the 27.1 percent plunge that welcomed Alan Greenspan in 1987. The period included Black Monday.

S&P 500 performance during first three months of Fed chair's tenure



Source: S&P Capital IQ

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An exclusive club

Ten stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have more than doubled in value this year. Among those, three have tripled: Netflix, Best Buy and Micron Technologies. Still more are on track to join their ranks by year-end.

The stock market has surged 26 percent, fueled by rising corporate profits and continued economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve. The S&P 500 is up 165 percent since hitting a bottom in March 2009.

Best Buy jumped to the top of the S&P 500 after finishing as one of the bottom three performers in 2012. The upcoming holiday season could play a pivotal role in the electronic retailer's future trajectory.

		Thursday's close	Avg. price target		YTD% change	P/E ratio*	Avg. broker rating sell hold buy
TRIPLED	**Netflix** (NFLX)	$348.50	$337.16	276%		293	
TRIPLED	**Best Buy** (BBY)	39.07	46.49	230		lost money	
TRIPLED	**Micron Technology** (MU)	19.99	21.50	215		18	
DOUBLED	**Delta Air Lines** (DAL)	28.04	30.88	136		12	
DOUBLED	**Pitney Bowes** (PBI)	23.67	22.00	122		29	
DOUBLED	**Boston Scientific** (BSX)	11.93	12.09	108		lost money	
DOUBLED	**Tripadvisor** (TRIP)	87.27	78.47	108		57	
DOUBLED	**Genworth Financial** (GNW)	15.20	15.76	102		15	
DOUBLED	**Celgene** (CELG)	158.61	174.91	102		46	
DOUBLED	**First Solar** (FSLR)	61.98	46.62	101		13	
ON TRACK	**Etrade** (ETFC)	17.60	17.50	97		lost money	
ON TRACK	**Constellation Brands** (STZ)	69.35	69.90	96		9	
ON TRACK	**Gilead Sciences** (GILD)	71.63	81.27	95		39	
ON TRACK	**GameStop** (GME)	48.80	62.47	95		15	

Source: FactSet *based on trailing 12 month results

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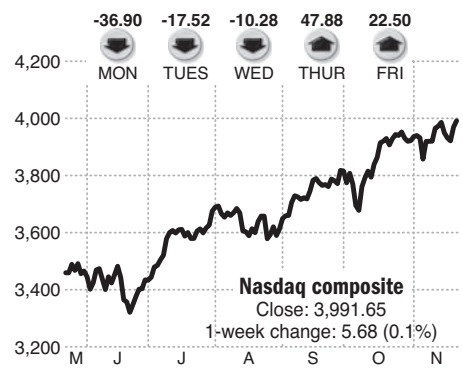


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
16068.78	12590.23	Dow Jones industrial average	16068.78	15865.37	16064.77	+103.07	+0.7	▲	▲	+22.6	+23.5
7245.43	4892.25	Dow Jones transportation	7245.43	7077.76	7199.37	-11.67	-0.2	▲	▲	+35.7	+42.5
537.86	436.76	Dow Jones Utilities	507.81	493.19	495.31	-11.60	-2.3	▼	▲	+9.3	+12.4
10226.34	8002.25	NYSE Comp.	10226.34	10072.40	10205.71	+15.91	+0.2	▲	▲	+20.9	+24.1
5690.62	4776.44	NYSE International	5665.00	5578.62	5625.23	-1.80	-0.0	▼	▲	+9.1	+14.2
3429.20	2562.52	Nasdaq 100	3429.20	3359.31	3422.02	-0.56	-0.0	▲	▲	+28.6	+29.6
3994.97	2884.75	Nasdaq Comp.	3994.97	3911.61	3991.65	+5.68	+0.1	▲	▲	+32.2	+34.5
1804.84	1359.88	S&P 500	1804.84	1777.23	1804.76	+6.58	+0.4	▲	▲	+26.5	+28.1
1314.00	952.94	S&P MidCapS&P MidCap	1314.00	1286.11	1308.81	-2.96	-0.2	▲	▲	+28.3	+32.2
19152.55	14213.83	Wilshire 5000	19152.55	18833.56	19151.32	+44.75	+0.2	▲	▲	+27.7	+30.0
1125.64	782.37	Russell 2000	1125.64	1096.46	1124.92	+8.72	+0.8	▲	▲	+32.4	+39.4
328.08	263.93	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	325.32	320.54	322.77	-0.23	-0.1	▲	▲	+15.8	+18.1
6875.62	595.41	FTSE 100	6732.10	6643.47	6674.30	-19.14	-0.3	▼	▲	+13.2	+14.7

TheMainEvent

For the week of Nov. 25

Feeling down

Confidence among consumers, which had been on the rise for much of the year, hit a wall last month.

Dysfunction in D.C. sent consumer confidence in October to its lowest level in six months. On Tuesday the Conference Board will release consumer confidence survey results for November, and economists expect them to be only slightly higher.

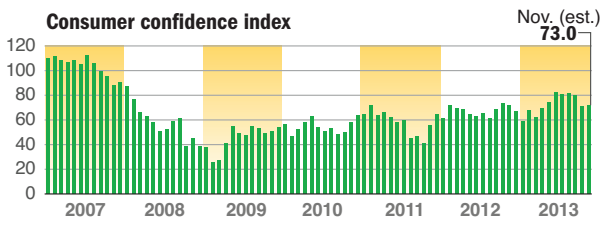
The federal government's partial shutdown last month halted what had been a steady climb in confidence. The measure is closely watched because consumer spending accounts for roughly 70 percent of the economy.

Investors are worried that low confidence could translate into a weak holiday shopping season. It's a crucial time for retailers, some of which get up to 40 percent of their annual revenue from November and December.

Some signs, though, offer encouragement. Retail sales rose 0.4 percent in October, beating economists' expectations for no growth. The gains spanned across categories, from furniture to electronics to restaurants.

Falling gasoline prices are giving shoppers more to spend elsewhere. A gallon of regular gasoline costs $3.22, down from $3.43 a year ago, according to AAA.

Consumer confidence index



Source: FactSet

Looking to spend

Companies are feeling nervous about the economy too. They're worried about the tepid growth of the economy, as well as the political brinkmanship in Washington. The nervousness is borne out in how hesitant they've been to spend on construction projects and expansions. Growth in such projects has slowed from an annualized rate of 12 percent between 2010 and 2012, to just 1 percent in the first half of 2013, according to Goldman Sachs.

Stock Screener

But that hesitancy means companies are sitting on a record amount of cash. The global economy has also shown some signs of strengthening, which means Goldman Sachs expects capital spending growth to accelerate to 8 percent in 2014. This screen shows stocks that Goldman Sachs says have gotten strong returns from the small amounts of capital that they have been investing recently. Even stronger improvements could be on the way.

COMPANY	CLOSE	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	1-YR STOCK CHANGE	DIVIDEND YIELD	AVG. BROKER RATING*
Starbucks (SBUX)	$81.53	$50	$83	61.4%	1.3%	1.2
McGraw Hill Financial (MHFI)	73.75	42	74	43.6	1.5	1.2
Gilead Sciences (GILD)	71.63	36	73	89.6	0.0	1.2
Marathon Oil (MRO)	37.93	29	38	20.4	2.0	1.3
Express Scripts (ESRX)	65.89	51	68	28.0	0.0	1.3
Dollar Tree (DLTR)	56.28	37	60	35.7	0.0	1.4
Perrigo Company (PRGO)	155.00	99	155	51.8	0.2	1.4
Oracle (ORCL)	34.94	30	36	15.0	1.4	1.5
Marriott Int'l (MAR)	46.91	34	48	34.7	1.4	1.6
Humana (HUM)	99.72	64	102	49.8	1.1	1.6
Sherwin-Williams (SHW)	186.58	146	195	18.5	1.1	1.6
ConocoPhillips (COP)	73.34	56	75	30.8	3.8	1.7
Johnson & Johnson (JNJ)	95.20	69	96	36.8	2.8	1.7
Expeditors Int'l of Wash. (EXPD)	43.79	35	47	19.0	1.4	1.7

*1=buy; 2=hold; 3=sell Data through Nov. 21 Source: FactSet

Mortgage rates fall

InterestRates

Mortgage rates dipped this past week, following two weeks of increases. The average rate on the 30-year loan was 4.22 percent. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, the benchmark used to set interest rates on many kinds of loans, including mortgages, was 2.79 percent Thursday. That is the highest it's been since Sept. 17.

	PRIME RATE	FED FUNDS
FRIDAY	3.25	.13
6 MOS AGO	3.25	.13
1 YR AGO	3.25	.13

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
Invesco MMF/Cash Reserve Shares	0.09	$ 1,000 min	(800) 659-1005
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
Invesco Tax-Exempt Cash Fund/Cl A	0.11	$ 1,000 min	(800) 659-1005

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.34	0.02	▲	▼	0.61	2.68	1.69
Triple-A corporate Moody's	4.70	0.03	▲	▲	1.13	4.73	3.49
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	3.21	0.00	▲	▼	0.49	3.59	2.58
Municipal Bond Buyer	5.09	0.00	▼	▼	1.09	5.34	3.89
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.73	-0.04	▲	▼	-0.99	6.97	4.95
Treasury Barclays	1.63	0.02	▲	▼	0.66	1.91	0.89

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.07	0.00	▲	▲	-0.02	0.13	
1-year T-Bill	0.13	-0.02	▲	▼	-0.07	0.21	0.11
6-month T-Bill	0.09	0.00	▲	▲	-0.05	0.16	0.01
2-year T-Note	0.28	-0.01	▼	▼	0.01	0.52	0.20
5-year T-Note	1.35	0.01	▲	▼	0.67	1.83	0.60
10-year T-Note	2.75	0.04	▲	▼	1.07	2.99	1.59
30-year T-Bond	3.83	0.04	▲	▲	1.01	3.92	2.76

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar advanced against the Australian dollar and the Japanese yen amid concerns about the future of the Fed's monetary stimulus. It fell versus several other major currencies.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.6208	+.0044	+.27%	1.5038	1.5937
Canadian Dollar	1.0532	+.0007	+.07%	1.0381	.9975
USD per Euro	1.3551	+.0090	+.66%	1.2845	1.2883
Japanese Yen	101.34	+.24	+.24%	103.15	82.43
Mexican Peso	12.9736	–.0829	–.64%	12.4008	13.0232
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.5613	+.0017	+.05%	3.7055	3.8762
Norwegian Krone	6.0695	–.0390	–.64%	5.8242	5.6821
South African Rand	10.0667	–.0623	–.62%	9.5730	8.9432
Swedish Krona	6.5834	–.0649	–.99%	6.6457	6.6815
Swiss Franc	.9072	–.0079	–.87%	.9797	.9351
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.0910	+.0063	+.58%	1.0319	.9628
Chinese Yuan	6.0940	+.0010	+.02%	6.1358	6.2367
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7527	+.0001	+.00%	7.7614	7.7508
Indian Rupee	62.855	–.185	–.29%	55.660	55.225
Singapore Dollar	1.2496	–.0012	–.10%	1.2666	1.2251
South Korean Won	1061.81	–.98	–.09%	1122.83	1085.75
Taiwan Dollar	29.64	+.07	+.24%	29.97	29.15

Commodities

Oil fell Friday, but still closed out the week with a gain of $1 a barrel versus a week earlier as the U.S. jobs outlook improved. Platinum, gold and silver declined. Crops were mixed.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	94.84	95.44	–0.63	+3.3
Ethanol (gal)	2.02	2.08	–0.67	–7.7
Heating Oil (gal)	3.04	3.01	+1.15	–0.1
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.77	3.70	+1.78	+12.4
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.73	2.74	–0.65	–3.1
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1244.00	1243.50	+0.04	–25.7
Silver (oz)	19.86	19.93	–0.36	–34.2
Platinum (oz)	1382.70	1391.70	–0.65	–10.1
Copper (lb)	3.23	3.20	+0.91	–11.4
Palladium (oz)	713.95	713.10	+0.12	+1.6
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.31	1.31	+0.02	+1.2
Coffee (lb)	1.07	1.07	–0.23	–25.5
Corn (bu)	4.22	4.23	–0.18	–39.5
Cotton (lb)	0.75	0.75	+0.56	+0.1
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	359.60	361.80	–0.61	–3.8
Orange Juice (lb)	1.39	1.39	+0.22	+19.7
Soybeans (bu)	13.20	12.92	+2.17	–7.0
Wheat (bu)	6.50	6.49	+0.12	–16.5

BEHIND THE BRAND AIR LEASE (AL)

Fleet flier

Airlines often need to bolster their fleet, but aren't looking to buy new aircraft. That's where Air Lease comes in.

The company, which operates nearly 200 planes that it leases to airlines worldwide, was founded in 2010 and went public the following year.

The Los Angeles-based company has benefited from growing demand as more travelers take to the skies and airlines modernize aging fleets. Its profit more than doubled last year, and analysts expect a 38 percent gain this year.

GROWING FLEET: Air Lease has agreed to buy 33 of Boeing's 787s, the jets dubbed the Dreamliner. In the July-September quarter, the company added eight aircraft, boosting its fleet to 182 planes. It expects to add another 11 aircraft by the end of this year.

STABLE LEASES: The company has no leases expiring this year and no more than 5 percent of its aircraft currently being leased by customers are up for renewal each year through 2017.

Thursday's close: **$31.47**
Price-earnings ratio : **19**
(Based on trailing 12 month results)
1-YR price change
AL: **42%** S&P 500: **29%**
Market value: **$3.3billion**

- As of Sept. 30, Air Lease's customers included 79 airlines in 45 countries.
- In the nine months through Sept. 30, revenue up 32 percent to $615.8 million and net income up 43 percent to $131.6 million.

Source: FactSet Data through Nov. 21 Alex Veiga, Jenni Sohn • AP

Best of both worlds

Insider Q&A

Ted Scalise

Title: Portfolio manager of TIAA-CREF's Midcap Growth fund

What he suggests: Take a look at medium-sized companies; that's where you can find good growth without taking on the risk of smaller companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index have dominated the headlines this year as the two indexes, made up of America's biggest companies, have surged to record levels.

Medium-sized companies have received far less attention, despite performing better than their larger rivals.

The Russell Midcap index consisting of companies with an average market value of $11 billion, has gained 29 percent this year. That's better than the 27 percent advance of the S&P 500 and the 23 percent rise of the Dow.

The stocks are often overlooked but are in a sweet spot, and capture some of the best attributes of both larger and smaller companies, says Ted Scalise, who manages TIAA-CREF's Midcap Growth fund.

What are the overlooked attractions of medium-sized companies?
They have seasoned management teams who have confidence running their companies and execution is less of a risk than with small companies. Medium-sized companies are highly unlikely to go out of business any time soon, whereas with smaller ones that happens all the time.

Larger companies have all kinds of moving parts, some that are good and some that are bad, so they tend to neutralize the good parts. The medium-sized companies can just focus on the good opportunities and grow much quicker.

They are mature enough that they have access to capital so they are able to fund the development and the research that they need and they've reached critical mass but are very far from being mature. And that's really where the opportunity is, as they make the transition from critical mass to mature.

What's in your portfolio, and what do you look for in a company?
Hain Celestial, a natural foods company, is one. Healthy foods are expanding and they are probably the biggest beneficiary of that growth. Polaris Industries, a manufacturer of off-road vehicles and motorcycles, is also a good example of the kind of company that we look for. We would much rather invest in a space where the company is not having to take share from anyone else, they're just growing open ended on their own and expanding the market.

What are some of the issues for mid-cap companies?
It's a very attractive acquisition space, especially right now. Large companies have balance sheets that have a lot of cash. Typically, as they get bigger their growth tends to be more problematic to deliver. Medium-sized companies are big enough to make a meaningful difference to the acquirers' growth, but they're still not that expensive generally speaking. We don't look for stocks specifically for that but we understand that it happens. The acquirers are looking for the same thing that we are, that is good companies with good products that are in attractive markets.

Interviewed by Steve Rothwell. Answers edited for content and clarity.

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3rd section of Latvian supermarket roof collapses

By GARY PEACH
Associated Press

RIGA, Latvia — A massive third section of the roof at a Latvian supermarket where at least 54 people were killed fell Saturday as emergency workers searched nearby rubble for more victims. Though no one was injured, officials suspended the effort as they considered the dangers of continuing the search in the unstable building.

Latvia's president described the disaster at the Maxima supermarket in Riga, the worst in the Baltic country since it regained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, as "murder" and called for a speedy investigation into its cause.

Investigators are looking at faulty construction or work on the roof's grass- and gravel-covered surface as the potential cause of the initial collapse in the crowded supermarket on Thursday. Workers were installing a garden area and children's playground for an adjacent high-rise residential building.

Fire and Rescue Service spokeswoman Viktorija Sembele said the latest collapse occurred in an area where firefighters were not working, but the service immediately recalled its people from inside to ensure there were no casualties. The service tweeted minutes later that no one was injured.

The dramatic cave-in came as rescue workers were attempting to complete an operation in a particularly dangerous part of the building. The rescue service said it wants to consult with engineers before renewing the operation and that all search efforts will be put on hold until Sunday morning.

Fifty-four deaths had been confirmed by Saturday afternoon. Police spokesman Dairis Anucins said there were still seven people missing who might have been in the store at the time of the collapse.

Associated Press video of the scene showed a large portion of the roof crashing down as rescuers worked close by. A massive boom can be heard as the section hits the ground in a cloud of dust.

President Andris Berzins spoke bluntly about the disaster in an interview with Latvian television, though he did not single anyone out as culpable.

"This is a case where we need to say clearly it is the murder of an enormous number of defenseless people, and that's how we should proceed," Berzins said.

He called for a fast investigation to prevent those responsible from covering up a paper trail and "coming off as pure as angels."

Pictures show that a large amount of building materials, including bags of soil for the garden, were left in areas of the roof that Riga city officials say could have been vulnerable to heavy loads.

The store was filled with shoppers when an enormous section of the roof caved in. Slightly over an hour later, while rescue workers searched for survivors, a second and larger section of roof caved in, killing three firefighters.

Laila Rieksta-Riekstina, head of the state's child welfare department, told Latvia Radio that 16 children lost parents in the accident. Three of them lost both parents. Police said there were two Russian citizens and one Armenian among the dead.

Some 40 people were injured, including 13 firefighters who rushed to the scene, and 23 people remained hospitalized as of Saturday afternoon, police said.

The government declared three days of mourning starting Saturday. Latvians streamed to the site in a densely populated neighborhood between downtown Riga and the airport to lay flowers and light candles.

Matt Slocum / AP

A passenger checks his cell phone while boarding a flight Oct. 31 in Boston.

CELLPHONES

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out of the equation.

Airlines "ought to own up to what the real issues are," Mann says. "They're not technology. They're not regulatory. It's a business decision."

The Federal Aviation Administration recently lifted its ban on personal electronic devices, such as iPads and Kindles, under 10,000 feet. But the FCC's announcement that it would discuss its phone prohibition at its Dec. 12 meeting came as a surprise.

"I was not aware this was anywhere near the front burner. I didn't even know it was on the stove at the commission," says Harry Cole, a communications regulations lawyer at Fletcher, Heald and Hildreth in Arlington, Va.

Angela Giancarlo, a former FCC official and now a partner at law firm Mayer Brown, says the proposal was in the works before Wheeler became chairman. She suspects that the FCC expected the proposal would be greeted favorably because it could allow passengers to remain connected.

The FCC banned calls in flight more than two decades ago because of concern they could interfere with multiple cell towers on the ground as planes fly at hundreds of miles per hour. Since then, there has been new technology that can be installed directly on planes. Cellphones in flight would connect to those airborne systems rather than the towers on the ground, eliminating the interference problem. The FCC notes that such systems have been deployed elsewhere around the world without problems.

If phone calls are eventually allowed on planes — whether through Wi-Fi or traditional means — a company still has to install that equipment on aircraft. That company, in partnership with the airline, would likely charge a fee, the way Gogo and Row 44 now charge for Wi-Fi service. Cell carriers probably wouldn't profit off such calls.

Amtrak and many local commuter railways have created quiet cars for those who don't want to be trapped next to a loud talker. It's easy to envision airlines offering "quiet rows," although there will probably be an extra fee to sit there.

Ultimately, the FCC is going to make its decision based on safety, not public opinion, says Harold Feld, a senior vice president at advocacy group Public Knowledge.

"The decision on this is going to be made on the basis of real engineering facts and not about whether people enjoy being away from cellphones or not," Feld says.

U.S. airlines have tried in-flight calls before. Some passengers will remember bulky satellite phones that rested on the back of seats. Few travelers paid for the expensive calls.

Airlines eventually ripped out the phones in favor of another distraction: seatback TVs.

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Lakeshore's Ryan Potts tries to slow down a Zeeland West ball carrier during Saturday's Division 3 semifinal game at Vicksburg.

Trish Vigansky photo

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Turnovers hurt Lancers

Lakeshore falls to No. 2 Zeeland West in Division 3 semifinal

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Writer

Five turnovers were far too much for Lakeshore to overcome in Saturday's Division 3 football semifinal against Zeeland West.

The Dux took advantage of the Lancer mistakes, rolling to a 42-7 victory. Second-ranked Zeeland West (12-1) advances to play No. 1 DeWitt in next weekend's state championship game.

Zeeland West 42, Lakeshore 7

"They're really good," Lakeshore coach Denny Dock said. "We knew we had to score, and score often. We just weren't as sharp as we needed to be on offense.

"The kids made a really good effort. It wasn't a lack of effort, it was a lack of execution."

Lakeshore (9-4) stayed in the game early. A 70-yard run early in the second quarter by Jake Achterberg set up a 1-yard touchdown plunge for quarterback Mike Adams, trimming the Zeeland West lead to 8-7.

Achterberg led the Lancers with 114 rushing yards and Adams added 83.

The Dux responded with a 50-yard touchdown run by Danny Bauder to go up 16-7. Lakeshore came back with a 23-yard run by

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

SJ 24th at state swim finals

By HP STAFF

St. Joseph placed 24th as a team in Saturday's Division 3 girls swimming state finals, scoring 20.5 points.

Jessica Foster led the Bears, finishing ninth in the 200-meter individual medley (2:15.82) and 12th in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.93).

Lindsay Marohn tied for 14th in the 100 backstroke (1:02.57).

Foster and Marohn teamed up with Maddie Estkowski and Olivia Clancy to place 15th in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:48.38.

In the Division 1 meet, Bridgman did not advance any swimmers to Saturday's finals, but set three school records in Friday's preliminaries.

The Bees' 200 freestyle relay team of Taylor Grashuis, Allie Matti, Megan Montgomery and Sidney Weaver placed 18th with a school-record time of 1:41.56.

Grashuis, Matti, Weaver and Vanya Ruppart set the school record in the 400 freestyle at 3:40.27, good for 19th. Grashuis swam the first leg in 53.89, a new school record in the 100 freestyle.

Grashuis narrowly missed qualifying in the 100 freestyle, placing 17th in 54.21. The top 16 in each event advanced to Saturday's finals.

Andrew A. Nelles / AP

Michigan State cornerback Darqueze Dennard intercepts a pass intended for Northwestern wide receiver Mike McHugh (right) during the second half of Saturday's game.

Hats on for MSU

No. 13 Spartans whip Northwestern, clinch Legends title

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

EVANSTON, Ill. — Mark Dantonio and his players wore hats commemorating their division championship. They hope bigger prizes are coming.

Michigan St. 30, Northwestern 6

Connor Cook threw for a career-high 293 yards, Jeremy Langford ran for 150, and No. 13 Michigan State clinched a spot in the Big Ten title game with a 30-6 victory over Northwestern on Saturday afternoon.

Cook threw for two touchdowns. Langford ran for two scores, and the Spartans (10-1, 7-0) reached the conference championship game for the second time in three years.

Andrew A. Nelles / AP

Michigan State quarterback Connor Cook maneuvers against Northwestern during the first half of Saturday's game.

"I'm happy to have the hat on and wear it for a couple of weeks and then turn it in," Dantonio said after sealing the Big Ten Legends Division.

Langford ran 20 yards untouched for the game's first touchdown in the second quarter.

He sealed it with a 37-yard scoring run in the fourth after Kurtis Drummond picked off a short pass by Trevor Siemian, sending Michigan State to its seventh straight win and Northwestern (4-7, 0-7) to its seventh loss in a row.

Cook completed 16 of 24 passes on a bone-chilling and windy day, including an 87-yard TD to Bennie Fowler on a one-handed grab in the second quarter and a 15-yard scoring strike to Josiah Price in the third.

Drummond had two interceptions, and the Spartans closed in on 11 wins for the third time in four seasons. They're also eyeing their first trip to the Rose Bowl in 26 years.

Before that, there's a home game against Minnesota. Then, they head to Indianapolis for the conference championship game against No. 4 Ohio State.

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Bruce Ely / AP

Chicago point guard Derrick Rose leaves the Moda Center on crutches after he was injured in Friday's game against Portland.

Bulls' Rose needs surgery on right knee, out indefinitely

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Bulls superstar Derrick Rose is out indefinitely because of torn cartilage in his right knee that will require surgery, the team said Saturday.

The former MVP has a medial meniscus tear and there's no immediate timetable for his return.

Rose had an MRI in Los Angeles on Saturday after he was injured a night earlier at Portland. He won't be with the team for its remaining four games on its six-game trip.

The three-time All-Star sat out last season recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Now, it's his other knee that's injured.

"It's sad, knowing how hard he worked to get back," said All-Star guard Chris Paul of the Clippers, who will host the Bulls today.

Rose's injury occurred in the third quarter against the Trail Blazers.

He lost his footing while trying to change direction to get back on defense when Nicolas Batum stole a pass from Joakim Noah and started the other way. Rose limped across the court and couldn't put any weight on his knee. After the Blazers scored, he came out of the game during a timeout.

It didn't appear there was any contact on the play. Rose was unable to return and was on crutches afterward.

The latest injury rekindled memories of the 2012 playoff opener against Philadelphia, when he crumpled to the court near the end of the game with a torn ACL in his left knee. That sent the top-seeded Bulls toward a first-round exit and put them in a holding pattern last season while their star recuperated.

Many thought he would return at some point, particularly after he started practicing without restrictions.

Charlie Neibergall / AP

Iowa running back Mark Weisman (center) scores on a 9-yard touchdown run between Michigan defenders Blake Countess (left) and Raymon Taylor during Saturday's game.

Michigan can't hold lead against Iowa

By LUKE MEREDITH
AP Sports Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Michigan put itself in position for a key win at Iowa by converting turnovers into touchdowns.

Iowa 24, Michigan 21

But the Wolverines couldn't do anything against the Hawkeyes defense in the second half — and Devin Gardner fumbled away their last shot at a win.

Jake Rudock threw for 239 yards and a pair of touchdown passes and Iowa rallied from 14 down to beat Michigan 24-21 Saturday.

A fumble recovery by Anthony Hitchens with 2:12 left sealed it for the Hawkeyes (7-4, 4-3 Big Ten), who won their third straight over Michigan at Kinnick Stadium.

Michigan used a pair of Rudock interceptions to race out to a 21-7 halftime lead. But the Hawkeyes held the Wolverines (7-4, 3-4) to just 45 yards in the second half and jumped ahead on a 34-yard field goal by Mike Meyer with 6:02 left.

The Wolverines were outscored 17-0 in the second half. That's not the momentum they were looking for heading into next weekend's matchup with Ohio State.

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In brief

Kisner leads by 2 at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Kisner shot a bogey-free 64 at Spyglass Hill and rallied for a two-shot lead over Jason Kokrak after three rounds of the Pebble Beach Invitational on Saturday.

Kisner, a PGA Tour member who won the Chile Classic in Santiago last March on the Web.com Tour, had eight birdies, en route to a 15-under 201.

Kokrak, one stroke behind Scott Brown after two rounds, had a 68 at Spyglass, and was alone at 203.

Skip Kendall, who shot a 67, also at Spyglass, was third at 204.

Chesson Hadley (67) and first-round leader Morgan Hoffmann (70) were tied at 206.

Brown had a 73 at Pebble Beach and was grouped with William McGirt (70), Sam Saunders (68) and Martin Flores (66), who all played at Del Monte, at 207.

Mina Harigae shot her third consecutive 70 and was the leader among seven women entrants at 210.

Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam, who has competed in the event several times since retiring from the LPGA Tour in 2008, made the cut after a 72 at Pebble Beach en route to a 213.

Gulbis in 3-way tie at LPGA season finale

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Natalie Gulbis got off to a rocky start and put herself in position for a great finish. That describes her year as much as her third round Saturday in the LPGA Titleholders.

Gulbis hooked a 5-iron into the water and made bogey on the par-5 opening hole, and then bounced back for a 7-under 65. That gave Gulbis a share of the lead with Gerina Piller and Pornanong Phatlum. They each had a 67.

The leaders were at 11-under 205, though it was far from a three-player race for the richest prize in women's golf.

Stacy Lewis virtually wrapped up the Vare Trophy with a tournament-record 63, and now has a chance to do so much more. Lewis was two shots behind, along with Shanshan Feng of China (67), Lexi Thompson (67) and 36-hole leader Sandra Gal, whose 74 let so many players back into contention.

Michelle Wie, on the one-year anniversary of her peculiar putting stroke, had a 66 and was among three shots behind.

A dozen players were separated by four shots going into the final round of the season at Tiburon Golf Club, where the winner gets $700,000 from the $2 million purse.

Airwaves

Television today

6:00 a.m. (Golf) **Golf** SA Open Championship, Final Round. From South Africa. (Live)
8:30 a.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Manchester City FC vs Tottenham Hotspur FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (5) (8) (16) **Formula One Racing** Brazilian Grand Prix. From Sao Paulo, Brazil. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Cardiff City FC vs Manchester United FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Siena at Purdue. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (17) **NFL Football** Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Detroit Lions. (Live) CC
(28) (32) **NFL Football** Chicago Bears at St. Louis Rams. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Hall of Fame Tip-Off, Final (Live)
1:30 p.m. (Golf) **LPGA Golf** CME Group Titleholders, Final Round. From Naples, Fla. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** ISU Grand Prix: Rostelecom Cup. From Moscow. (Taped) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Brooklyn Nets. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Indianapolis Colts at Arizona Cardinals. (Live) CC
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Duke at Marquette. (Live) CC
4:25 p.m. (17) (28) (32) **NFL Football** Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Puerto Rico Tip-Off, Third Place (Live)
5:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **X Games** (Taped) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Buffalo Sabres. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **2013 Grey Cup** Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Puerto Rico Tip-Off, Final: Michigan vs. Charlotte. (Live)
8:20 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NFL Football** Denver Broncos at New England Patriots. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **MLS Soccer** Western Conference Championship, Leg 2 — Real Salt Lake at Portland Timbers. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Charleston Classic, Final (Live)

Monday

3:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maui Invitational — Arkansas vs. California. Quarterfinal. From Lahaina, Hawaii. (Live)
(NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** West Bromwich Albion FC vs Aston Villa FC. From The Hawthorns in Sandwell, West Midlands, England. (Live)
5:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maui Invitational — Minnesota vs. Syracuse. Quarterfinal. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Wyoming at Ohio State. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Abilene Christian at Xavier. (Live) CC
7:30 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Progressive Legends Classic — Pittsburgh vs. Texas Tech. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Milwaukee Bucks at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues. (Live)
8:25 p.m. (ESPN) **NFL Football** San Francisco 49ers at Washington Redskins. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (9B) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz. (Live) CC
(FS1) **College Basketball** Marquette at Arizona State. (Live) CC
9:30 p.m. (Csnch) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Edmonton Oilers. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Progressive Legends Classic — Houston vs. Stanford. Second semifinal. From Brooklyn. (Live)
12:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Maui Invitational — Dayton vs. Gonzaga. Quarterfinal. Live)

Radio today

1 p.m.
NFL — Buccaneers at Lions (WSJM-AM, 1400)
NFL — Bears at Rams (WBBM-AM, 780)
3:30 p.m.
NBA — Bulls at Lakers (WMVP-AM, 1000)

Monday

9 p.m.
NBA — Bulls at Jazz (WMVP-AM, 1000)
9:30 p.m.
NHL — Blackhawks at Oilers (WGN-AM, 720)

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Ohio State stays perfect

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State had just stayed unbeaten with a record-setting victory that also clinched a spot in the Big Ten title game, and Urban Meyer was already thinking about next week's grudge match at Michigan.

"It's time to get ready for the rivalry game," Meyer said.

Braxton Miller ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns and passed for two more Saturday to lead the fourth-ranked Buckeyes to a snowy 42-14 victory over Indiana, extending their school-record win streak to 23 in a row.

The victory, played at times in swirling clouds of snow, put the Buckeyes (11-0, 7-0) in the conference championship game on Dec. 7 against Michigan State.

Carlos Hyde became the first running back to go over 1,000 yards rushing in Meyer's 12 years as a head coach. He ran for 117 yards and two scores.

Ohio State's defense throttled the Hoosiers (4-7, 2-5), who came in averaging 39 points a game.

Flurries fell throughout with temperatures in the 20s. Half of the crowd of 104,990 had left by the time Ohio State built a 28-0 halftime lead.

In the waning moments, the remaining fans loudly sang, "We don't give a damn for the whole state of Michigan." The Buckeyes close out the regular season at The Big House next Saturday against their archrivals.

Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 7

MINNEAPOLIS — James White rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown and No. 16 Wisconsin beat Minnesota for the 10th straight time.

Jared Abbrederis had seven catches for 67 yards and a touchdown and Chris Borland recovered two fumbles and forced one to tie the NCAA record for career fumbles caused. After the game, the Badgers (9-2, 6-1 Big Ten) hoisted Paul Bunyan's Axe and used it to chop the Gophers goal post when the time ran out.

Nebraska 23, Penn State 20

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Pat Smith kicked a 42-yard field goal on Nebraska's first possession in overtime to lift the Cornhuskers to the win.

Smith's 37-yarder was called back on a false start. Smith had no trouble with 5 extra yards, giving the Huskers (8-3, 5-2 Big Ten) their third win in four games.

Penn State's Sam Ficken, who missed an extra point in regulation, missed a 37-yard field-goal attempt to open overtime. The Nittany Lions (6-5, 3-4) lost for the first time in three home OT games this season.

Illinois 20, Purdue 16

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Steve Hull caught a career-high 10 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns to help Illinois defeat Purdue.

Nathan Scheelhaase completed 24 of 30 passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns and Josh Ferguson ran for a career-high 115 yards for the Fighting Illini (4-7, 1-6 Big Ten), who snapped a six-game losing streak this season and a 20-game skid in conference play.

Central Michigan 37, UMass 0

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — Cooper Rush threw two touchdown passes to Titus Davis to lead Central Michigan.

Rush hit Davis with TD passes of 34 and 30 yards. The Central Michigan (5-6, 4-3 Mid-American) defense forced three A.J. Doyle interceptions and recovered one fumble while earning its first shutout of the season. Rush was 13 of 21 for 231 yards passing. Davis finished with seven receptions for 154 yards.

Bowling Green 58, Eastern Michigan 7

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Matt Johnson passed for three touchdowns to Ronnie Moore and Travis Green ran for two more scores as Bowling Green dominated Eastern Michigan 58-7 on Saturday to set up a showdown for the Mid-American Conference East Division title.

The Eagles (2-9, 1-6) took their only lead when Johnson threw his only interception in the first quarter. Sean Kurtz returned it 10 yards and EMU had a 7-3 lead. The Eagles offense, however, would only manage 65 yards, including 4 passing in the loss, their 11th in the last 12 meetings with Bowling Green.

Joe Raymond / AP

Brigham Young wide receiver Skyley Ridley is tackled by Notre Dame linebacker Carlo Calabrese (right) and cornerback KaiVarae Russell in the first half of Saturday's game.

Going out with a win

Rees leads Irish past BYU in last home game

By TOM COYNE
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Tommy Rees, booed a year ago at Notre Dame Stadium when he was brought in late against Purdue, finished his last home game to chants of "Tommy" as the clock ran out in a 23-13 victory over BYU on Saturday.

"That was a very special moment. We've been through a lot, this entire senior class. Not only on the team, but everybody here," Rees said. "They could have chanted anyone's name, it's a whole senior class effort, but that was definitely a memory I'll hold very closely for a long time."

Rees got the Fighting Irish (8-3) going with a 61-yard touchdown pass to DaVaris Daniels on Notre Dame's first possession, then set up a 2-yard TD run by Tarean Folston with a 30-yard pass to TJ Jones as the Irish rebounded from a disappointing 28-21 loss to Pittsburgh.

The game was played in intermittent snow, with temperatures in the 20s and winds gusting to 30 mph. The field was worn and torn despite being replaced a little more than a month ago. Several times, ball carriers fell as they tried to make cuts. But the Irish improved to 13-1-3 all-time in games where it snows, with the lone loss coming to Indianapolis Artillery in 1895.

Kelly said the Notre Dame coaches asked the Irish to have a focus on doing the little things right, which they lacked against Pitt.

"I think all of our players, in particular our seniors, really rallied to those things," Kelly said.

Rees was 15-of-28 passing for 235 yards and the Irish rushed for 235 yards, led by a career-high 117 yards by Cam McDaniel. Folston added 78 yards on 13 carries as the Irish amassed 470 yards of total offense.

"It was kind of an offensive lineman's dream today, with the wind and running the ball," tackle Zack Martin said. "We wanted to impose our will on them, and in the snow, it was kind of a nice little ending there."

Kyle Brindza kicked a 51-yard field goal and a pair of 26-yard field goals for the Irish. Kelly said despite the weather conditions, Brindza was in his face wanting to try the long field goal.

"When you've got a guy with that kind of confidence asking to kick the football, it makes it easier for me to make a decision to put him out there," Kelly said. "He's a great weapon for us."

BYU (7-4), which had a 7-yard TD pass from Taysom Hill to JD Falslev in the first quarter, closed to 20-13 when Justin Sorensen kicked a 27-yard field goal with 39 seconds left in the third quarter. The Cougars couldn't get any closer.

BYU had a chance to make a game of it with less than five minutes remaining when Paul Lasike broke off a 46-yard run, running over Notre Dame safety Matthias Farley, before being tackled by KeiVarae Russell at the 6. But the Cougars could only gain 2 yards on the next three plays. A 22-yard field goal attempt by Sorensen was deflected by nose guard Jarron Jones, ending BYU's last threat.

"The defense did a good job of stopping us in the red zone," Falsev said. "We just have to execute. If we execute, this is a whole different ballgame."

Hill passed for 168 yards and he and Lasike each rushed for 101 yards for BYU. But Notre Dame held Jamaal Williams, who entered the game averaging 116 yards a game, to 43 yards.

"I think excluding the first series, they did a nice job on Jamaal, especially on inside runs," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "I thought they did a nice job on Taysom on our designed runs."

Several Irish players switched numbers for the game. Freshman linebacker Jaylon Smith wore No. 13, instead of his usual No. 9, to honor linebacker Danny Spond, who ended his playing career before the season after suffering a paralyzing migraine headache. Senior wide receiver Luke Massa wore No. 78 in honor of high school teammate Matt James, a Notre Dame recruit who died when he fell from a Florida balcony during spring break.

The victory marked the first time Notre Dame hadn't trailed in a game since the opener against Temple. Rees improved to 22-7 as a starter, and may be best remembered for the role he played as a backup last season in helping the Irish get to the national championship game.

He said simply being a winner is good enough.

"It doesn't matter how you win games, as long as you get that W," he said. "Just someone that gave everything he had to this university and this football program."

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Red Wings lose penalty-filled game to Senators

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Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard reaches but is unable to stop a goal by Ottawa's Chris Neil during the first period of Saturday's game.

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Clarke MacArthur scored two goals, and the Ottawa Senators outlasted Detroit in a testy third period to beat the Red Wings 4-2 on Saturday night.

Bobby Ryan scored the tiebreaking goal on a two-man advantage with 16:09 remaining for the Senators, who have won two in a row at Joe Louis Arena for only the second time. They won 6-1 at Detroit on Oct. 23.

Ottawa 4, Detroit 2

Chris Neil also scored for Ottawa.

Pavel Datsyuk tied it at 2 early in the third — with the Red Wings enjoying a 5-on-3 power play. But Ottawa took advantage of its own opportunity when Detroit was down two men, going back ahead on Ryan's goal.

Detroit's Daniel Alfredsson was out of the lineup against his former team because of a groin injury.

Darren Helm scored in the first period for the Red Wings, who have won only one of their last nine games — although they have earned points in six thanks to a string of games that went beyond regulation.

Datsyuk tied this one just over a minute into the third period. He sent what looked like a pass across the goal mouth, but the puck caromed off the left skate of Ottawa defenseman Jared Cowen and past goalie Robin Lehner for Datsyuk's 12th goal.

But with Helm in the box for hooking, Detroit's Kyle Quincey received a four-minute, high-sticking penalty, giving Ottawa a 5-on-3 edge for 81 seconds.

The Senators needed all but 5 seconds, but Ryan finally one-timed a shot past goalie Jimmy Howard from a sharp angle to the left of the net.

It wasn't long before the Red Wings were up two men again — their third 5-on-3 chance of the game. This one lasted 92 seconds. Ottawa killed it — although moments after one of the penalties expired, Detroit's Johan Franzen batted a rebound into the net with his left hand. The goal was immediately disallowed.

MacArthur's power-play goal with 4:02 to play made it 4-2.

Lehner had 34 saves and Howard had 25.

Neil and Detroit's Brendan Smith fought in the second period, and the third period was full of skirmishes and penalties. There were nine minor penalties called in the third, in addition to Quincey's double minor. The Red Wings hurt their chances of a comeback by committing three penalties in the last 5:51.

The Senators led 2-1 after the first period despite being outshot 17-7.

U-M AD has high hopes for Hatch

By MARK SNYDER
Detroit Free Press

Michigan basketball signee Austin Hatch's story of survival is remarkable.

Living through two plane crashes that killed members of his family, Hatch has persevered and last week signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Michigan.

Though he was two years away from graduating high school when the most recent accident happened, putting him in a coma, Michigan decided to honor his scholarship anyway, not knowing whether he could play high-level basketball.

Coaches "John Beilein, Jeff Meyer and the whole staff have done such a wonderful job of staying connected with Austin and making sure he knew that once we committed to him to come and be a part of our program, that that commitment wasn't going to change," Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon said on local radio station WJR-AM (760).

"And in today's world of big-time college athletics - when I first got this job, I learned a new word called 'decommit' that I didn't even know it was a word - sometimes on both sides ... over time, people come up with a reason why they want to change their mind, take a commitment that was made and reverse it. Clearly, that's not what we do, and that's not the case here. Austin's going to make a great contribution to Michigan basketball in whatever form it takes."

Unless an NCAA exemption is granted, Michigan honoring Hatch's scholarship likely means that one fewer can be given to an elite player, which Hatch was at Fort Wayne (Ind.) Canterbury before his injury. He is hoping to play this season as a senior at Los Angeles Loyola High School.

Brandon feels that the Michigan scholarship provided significant incentive for Hatch to rally.

"I believe that sport plays an incredibly important role in the lives of many, many people, and the aspirations Austin had and the meaning it had in his life is one of the many things that compelled him to figure out a way to get on with his life," Brandon said. "We're just thrilled and honored that he's going to come to the University of Michigan. He's a terrific student, and we'll find a way for Austin to make an impact on that team."

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Notre Dame's Taya Reimer (left) and Penn's Courtney Wilson fight for a rebound in the first half of Saturday's game.

Teaching trip for ND

No. 5 Irish thump Penn, soak in Philadelphia history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Coach Muffet McGraw loves to give her team an educational experience whenever Notre Dame goes on road trips.

Notre Dame 76, Penn 54

The 76-54 win against Penn on Saturday provided an opportunity for McGraw to show the fifth-ranked Irish a history of Philadelphia basketball in their first game at the Palestra in 32 years.

"It's really special to be back in Philly," said McGraw, who starred a few miles away at Saint Joseph's in the late 1970s. "It's such a great town. It's a great building to be in and the tradition is unbelievable here. We're going to go downtown and see a little of history on our way to the airport."

After the morning shootaround, the team walked the hallowed halls of the basketball cathedral and checked out photos of Kobe Bryant and Wilt Chamberlain. The players also found the plaque commemorating McGraw's induction into the Big Five Hall of Fame in 1990.

"We saw Kobe's picture and saw coach McGraw's old picture, it's really cool," said Kayla McBride, who led the Irish with 15 points. "I think every place is a little different with a different feel. It's a little older than gyms we've played in, but it's pretty cool."

There haven't been too many top women's teams to play at the Palestra. This was believed to be the first time a top five women's team had played at the arena since Connecticut faced Saint Joseph's a decade ago.

No. 21 Michigan State 81, Rice 68

EAST LANSING — Becca Mills scored 20 points as No. 21 Michigan State forced 20 turnovers and defeated Rice with a breakaway second half.

Neither team led by more than five points in a close first half, and Rice (3-3) opened the second with a Megan Palmer layup for a 32-32 tie. The Spartans then exploded on a 12-2 run featuring 3-pointers by Klarissa Bell and Kiana Johnson.

Johnson finished with 15 points, Bell 10 and Annalise Pickrel 14 for Michigan State (4-1).

The Owls made one more run, cutting the lead to 55-51 at 9:34 on 3-pointers by Alyssa Lang and Elena Gumbs, but Michigan State pulled steadily away 26-17 the rest of the way.

LANCERS

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Adams and a 19-yard gain by Gabe Gembala, moving to the Zeeland West 17.

But a false start penalty and a sack stalled the drive, and Adams' pass on fourth and 23 fell incomplete.

"That was one of the key points of the game," Dock said.

Zeeland West then drove 70 yards to score on a three-yard run by Cole Hession. It was the second touchdown run of the game for Hession, who had a game-high 116 rushing yards. The Dux gained 380 yards on the ground as a team.

"They played just a flawless game right to the end," Dock said.

Lakeshore again drove into Zeeland West territory, but Adams was intercepted just before halftime. The Lancers attempted an onside kick to open the second half, but it was unsuccessful.

Lakeshore then lost fumbles on its first three possessions of the second half, ending hopes of a comeback.

"That was really disappointing because (avoiding turnovers) has been one of our strong suits all year," Dock said. "We had a bad day with that today."

Despite the loss, Dock was pleased with how the Lancers turned around their season. Lakeshore won five straight after a 4-3 start, including a district title win over rival St. Joseph and a regional title victory over Byron Center.

"It was an incredibly satisfying year," Dock said. "It was neat to see this team grow, skill-wise but also as a team. We were playing our best ball by the end of the year and really felt very, very confident."

Quarterback Club to meet Tuesday

The Lakeshore Quarterback Club meeting for this week has been moved to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Large Group Instruction room at Lakeshore High School, due to the Lancers' end-of-season football banquet on Monday.

Zeeland West 42, Lakeshore 7

Lakeshore	0	7	0	0	— 7
Zeeland West	8	16	6	12	— 42

First quarter
ZW — Cole Hession 5 run (Danny Bauder pass from Casey Brinks)
Second quarter
L — Mike Adams 1 run (Chayse Magrane kick)
ZW — Bauder 50 run (Hession pass from Brinks)
ZW — Hession 3 run (Hession run)
Third quarter
ZW — Brinks 3 run (pass failed)
Fourth quarter
ZW — Grant Postma 45 run (run failed)
ZW — Nick Jasch 35 run (run failed)

	L	ZW
First downs	12	23
Total net yards	280	401
Rushes-yards	32-251	60-380
Passing	29	21
Comp-Att-Int	2-11-2	1-2-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	3-15

Rushing — Lakeshore: Jake Achterberg 8-114, Adams 11-83, Gabe Gembala 2-22, Zak Drake 5-21, Sam Effa 5-16. Zeeland West: Hession 19-116, Bauder 10-67, Brinks 9-74, Postma 3-55, Jasch 3-36.
Passing: Lakeshore: Adams 2-11-2-29. Zeeland West: Brinks 1-2-0-21.
Receiving — Lakeshore: Drake 1-25. Zeeland West: Hession 1-21.
Records — Zeeland West 12-1, Lakeshore 9-4.

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Galen Husmann photo

Lakeshore's Jake Achterberg rushes the football during Saturday's game.

Local sports calendar

Benton Harbor baseball

▶ Benton Harbor Baseball Benefit Dinner and Formal Fall Ball, Friday at The Citadel in Benton Harbor. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. Former Negro League player Reginald Howard will speak at 6 p.m., and the formal fall ball begins at 8 p.m.

There will also be a Walk/Run TIGERthon beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at Union Park and ending at the Benton Harbor High School baseball field.

Donations are needed for both events. For more information or to donate, contact Danny Jennings at (901) 338-2153.

Jaier Joust

▶ The third annual Jaier Joust 4-on-4 indoor soccer tournament will be held from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Dec. 27 at the St. Joe Kickers Sport Club for boys and girls ages U9 through high school.

Cost is $250 per team, with a minimum of five players and a maximum of eight. Cost is $35 per player for individual Jaier players.

Each team will have at least three 25-minute games. Enter online at www.jaiersoccer.org by Dec. 1.

St. Joseph Youth Basketball

▶ Biddy Bears, open to boys grades K-2 attending St. Joseph schools or living in the school district. Program will take place from 10:30 a.m.-noon on six Saturdays between Dec. 14 and Feb. 8 in the high school fieldhouse. Cost is $30, or $15 for additional siblings from the same family.

For more information, contact coach Greg Blomgren at 944-7853 or 926-3215.

▶ Little Bears Basketball League, open to boys grades 3-6. All players must attend a clinic from 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 7 at the high school fieldhouse.

The program runs through Feb. 15, with practices from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and games from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Cost is $50, or $10 for additional siblings from the same family.

For more information, contact coach Gary Etter at 926-3343 or 429-9125.

▶ Girls Biddy Bears, open to girls grades 3-6. All players must attend a clinic from 3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec. 7 at the high school fieldhouse. Program runs through Feb. 15, with practices during the week and games from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. Cost is $50, or $10 for additional siblings from the same family.

For more information, contact coach Paul Brohman at 281-1823 or pbrohman@schus.com.

Biddy Bear Volleyball

▶ St. Joseph Biddy Bear Volleyball begins Dec. 3 at Upton Middle School. Grades K-4 from 5-6:30, grade 5-6 from 6:30-8:30. Program runs for 10 weeks through Feb, 18. Cost is $100 and includes T-shirt. Sibling discount available. Boys and girls both welcome. For more information, go to www.stjoevolleyball.com, or contact coach Rob Elliott at 519-3961 or robert3447@msn.com.

Bridgman Boys Mini-Bee Basketball

▶ Bridgman Boys Mini-Bee Basketball begins Dec. 14 and runs through Feb. 22 at Bridgman High School. Grades 3-4 meet from 10-11:30 a.m., grades 5-6 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $30 and includes prizes and a t-shirt. To register, contact coach Mike Miller at 466-0239 or mmiller@bridgmanschools.com.

YMCA League Ball

▶ The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA Basketball League for grades 3-12 runs Jan. 19-Feb. 23. Teams practice one day a week and have games on Saturdays. Practices start Dec. 28. Cost is $45 for YMCA members, $70 for non-members. For more information, go online to www.bhsjymca.org or call 428-YMCA.

Road races

▶ Turkey Trot, 4:30 p.m. Monday at Southwestern Michigan College. 8K run, 5K run and 5K walk. More information available at www.swmich.edu/turkeytrot.

The local sports calendar appears twice weekly in The Herald-Palladium. Submit items for the local sports calendar to sports@TheHP.com or fax to 429-4392.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NO. 13 MICHIGAN ST. 30, NORTHWESTERN 6

Michigan St.	0	14	9	7 —	30
Northwestern	3	3	0	0 —	6

First Quarter
NU—FG Budzien 22, 7:55.
Second Quarter
MSU—Langford 20 run (Geiger kick), 8:22.
MSU—Fowler 87 pass from Cook (Geiger kick), 4:31.
NU—FG Budzien 20, 1:52.
Third Quarter
MSU—FG Geiger 37, 11:33.
MSU—Price 15 pass from Cook (kick blocked), 5:00.
Fourth Quarter
MSU—Langford 37 run (Geiger kick), 12:37.
A—40,013.

	MSU	NU
First downs	20	19
Rushes-yards	40-171	26-80
Passing	293	239
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-0	27-46-3
Return Yards	34	9
Punts-Avg.	5-41.2	5-36.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	2-15
Time of Possession	31:39	28:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Michigan St., Langford 25-150, Hill 6-34, D.Williams 2-6, Shelton 1-1, Burbridge 1-(minus 5), Team 3-(minus 6), Cook 2-(minus 9). Northwestern, Siemian 4-28, Green 11-25, Trumpy 8-17, Vitale 1-8, Colter 2-2.
PASSING—Michigan St., Cook 16-24-0-293. Northwestern, Siemian 25-43-2-227, Colter 2-2-0-12, Z.Oliver 0-1-1-0.
RECEIVING—Michigan St., Lippett 3-64, Price 3-35, Fowler 2-99, Langford 2-35, Burbridge 2-22, Kings 2-16, Mumphery 1-20, Gleichert 1-2. Northwestern, T.Jones 7-59, Vitale 5-58, Lawrence 4-18, C.Jones 3-43, Trumpy 3-15, Green 2-13, Dickerson 1-18, Jensen 1-15, K.Prater 1-0.

IOWA 24, MICHIGAN 21

Michigan	7	14	0	0 —	21
Iowa	7	0	7	10 —	24

First Quarter
Mich—Beyer 7 interception return (Gibbons kick), 13:19.
Iowa—Fiedorowicz 5 pass from Rudock (Meyer kick), 3:39.
Second Quarter
Mich—Williams 2 pass from Gardner (Gibbons kick), 8:31.
Mich—Gallon 9 pass from Gardner (Gibbons kick), :41.
Third Quarter
Iowa—T.Smith 55 pass from Rudock (Meyer kick), 13:35.
Fourth Quarter
Iowa—Weisman 9 run (Meyer kick), 12:11.
Iowa—FG Meyer 34, 6:02.
A—65,708.

	Mich	Iowa
First downs	10	21
Rushes-yards	29-60	44-168
Passing	98	239
Comp-Att-Int	13-28-0	19-30-3
Return Yards	28	29
Punts-Avg.	10-35.4	4-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-20	3-31
Time of Possession	26:35	33:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Michigan, Green 11-23, Toussaint 6-12, Gardner 10-12, Funchess 1-10, Kerridge 1-3. Iowa, Weisman 17-88, Canzeri 12-50, Rudock 6-22, Bullock 4-12, Powell 1-7, Team 4-(minus 11).
PASSING—Michigan, Gardner 13-28-0-98. Iowa, Rudock 19-30-3-239.
RECEIVING—Michigan, Gallon 6-47, Toussaint 4-29, Jackson 1-18, Funchess 1-2, Williams 1-2. Iowa, T.Smith 5-97, Fiedorowicz 3-42, Canzeri 2-27, Martin-Manley 2-20, Hillyer 2-10, Bullock 1-17, Cox 1-11, Weisman 1-8, Shumpert 1-7, VandeBerg 1-0.

CENT. MICHIGAN 37, UMASS 0

UMass	0	0	0	0 —	0
Cent. Michigan	7	20	7	3 —	37

First Quarter
CMU—Tipton 3 run (Coluzzi kick), 11:23.
Second Quarter
CMU—FG Coluzzi 33, 14:04.
CMU—Annese 34 interception return (Coluzzi kick), 10:31.
CMU—T.Davis 34 pass from Rush (Coluzzi kick), 7:34.
CMU—FG Coluzzi 33, 2:21.
Third Quarter
CMU—T.Davis 30 pass from Rush (Coluzzi kick), 5:41.
Fourth Quarter
CMU—FG Coluzzi 24, 7:44.
A—8,763.

	Mass	CMU
First downs	11	14
Rushes-yards	39-128	36-67
Passing	45	231
Comp-Att-Int	6-16-3	13-21-0
Return Yards	1	138
Punts-Avg.	6-35.7	3-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-35	5-50
Time of Possession	29:20	30:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—UMass, Abrokwah 20-93, Wilson 4-23, Orekoya 9-19, S.Harris 1-5, Doyle 3-4, Mills 1-(minus 2), Team 1-(minus 14). Cent. Michigan, Tipton 16-50, Garland 4-10, Lavallii 9-10, T.Davis 2-6, Team 1-(minus 1), Rush 2-(minus 4), Walker 2-(minus 4).
PASSING—UMass, Doyle 6-16-3-45. Cent. Michigan, Rush 13-21-0-231.
RECEIVING—UMass, Sharpe 2-16, Long 2-15, Howard 1-14, Mills 1-0. Cent. Michigan, T.Davis 7-154, Flory 3-39, Con.Odykirk 1-22, Williams 1-15, Tipton 1-1.

NOTRE DAME 23, BYU 13

BYU	7	0	6	0 —	13
Notre Dame	14	3	3	3 —	23

First Quarter
ND—Daniels 61 pass from Rees (Brindza kick), 10:11.
BYU—Falslev 7 pass from Hill (J.Sorensen kick), 6:48.
ND—Folston 2 run (Brindza kick), 4:43.
Second Quarter
ND—FG Brindza 26, 7:35.
Third Quarter
ND—FG Brindza 26, 12:48.
BYU—FG J.Sorensen 31, 8:20.
BYU—FG J.Sorensen 27, :39.
Fourth Quarter
ND—FG Brindza 51, 6:53.
A—80,795.

	BYU	ND
First downs	23	24
Rushes-yards	47-247	47-235
Passing	168	235
Comp-Att-Int	21-36-1	15-28-1
Return Yards	18	10
Punts-Avg.	4-36.5	2-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-47	4-25
Time of Possession	26:09	33:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—BYU, Lasike 4-101, Hill 24-101, Williams 18-43, Hine 1-2. Notre Dame, McDaniel 24-117, Folston 13-78, G.Atkinson 6-42, T.Jones 1-3, Team 3-(minus 5).
PASSING—BYU, Hill 21-36-1-168. Notre Dame, Rees 15-28-1-235.
RECEIVING—BYU, Ridley 6-52, Hoffman 5-49, Falslev 4-27, Williams 3-18, Friel 2-11, Lasike 1-11. Notre Dame, Daniels 6-107, T.Jones 5-95, Robinson 1-17, Niklas 1-8, Folston 1-5, McDaniel 1-3.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Legends

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan St.	7	0	224	85	10	1	339	138
Nebraska	5	2	201	158	8	3	374	266
Minnesota	4	3	147	174	8	3	314	254
Iowa	4	3	149	140	7	4	290	208
Michigan	3	4	212	192	7	4	364	276
Northwestern	0	7	112	196	4	7	277	291

Leaders

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio St.	7	0	326	141	11	0	536	202
Wisconsin	6	1	255	98	9	2	405	147
Penn St.	3	4	180	222	6	5	313	290
Indiana	2	5	227	299	4	7	405	430
Illinois	1	6	161	289	4	7	322	388
Purdue	0	7	68	258	110		143	400

Saturday's Games
Michigan St. 30, Northwestern 6
Illinois 20, Purdue 16
Iowa 24, Michigan 21
Ohio St. 42, Indiana 14
Nebraska 23, Penn St. 20, OT
Wisconsin 20, Minnesota, 7
Friday's Game
Iowa at Nebraska, Noon
Saturday, Nov. 30
Ohio St. at Michigan, Noon
Minnesota at Michigan St., TBA
Purdue at Indiana, TBA
Penn St. at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Illinois, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday's scores
EAST
Brown 48, Columbia 7
Bryant 29, CCSU 16
Cornell 42, Penn 41
Dartmouth 28, Princeton 24
Duquesne 33, Monmouth (NJ) 23
Fordham 56, Colgate 19
Georgetown 28, Holy Cross 21
Harvard 34, Yale 7
Lafayette 50, Lehigh 28
Nebraska 23, Penn St. 20, OT
New Hampshire 24, Maine 3
Pittsburgh 17, Syracuse 16
St. Francis (Pa.) 23, Robert Morris 3
Stony Brook 24, Albany (NY) 3
Towson 28, James Madison 17
Villanova 35, Delaware 34
SOUTH
Alabama 49, Chattanooga 0
Appalachian St. 48, W. Carolina 27
Bethune-Cookman 29, Florida A&M 10
Boston College 29, Maryland 26
Bucknell 35, VMI 23
Campbell 47, Davidson 14
Charlotte 61, Morehead St. 17
Clemson 52, The Citadel 6
Duke 28, Wake Forest 21
E. Illinois 70, UT-Martin 22
East Carolina 42, NC State 28
FAU 55, New Mexico St. 10
Florida St. 80, Idaho 14
Furman 27, Wofford 14
Gardner-Webb 20, Presbyterian 13
Georgia Southern 26, Florida 20
Georgia Tech 66, Alabama A&M 7
Howard 42, Hampton 39, 2OT
Jacksonville St. 42, SE Missouri 34
LSU 34, Texas A&M 10
Liberty 56, Charleston Southern 14
Louisville 24, Memphis 17
Marshall 48, FIU 10
Mercer 41, Stetson 14
Miami 45, Virginia 26
Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss. 21
Morgan St. 31, Delaware St. 26
Murray St. 34, E. Kentucky 27, OT
NC A&T 28, NC Central 0
North Carolina 80, Old Dominion 20
Northwestern St. 40, Stephen F. Austin 27
Richmond 31, William & Mary 20
SC State 17, Norfolk St. 3
SMU 16, South Florida 6
Samford 33, Elon 32
South Carolina 70, Coastal Carolina 10
Tennessee Tech 34, Austin Peay 0
Tulane 45, UTEP 3
MIDWEST
Baker 10, Sterling 7
Bethel (Minn.) 70, St. Scholastica 13
Bowling Green 58, E. Michigan 7
Cent. Michigan 37, UMass 0
Franklin 17, Washington (Mo.) 10
Grand Valley St. 40, Saginaw Valley St. 7
Grand View 38, Ottawa, Kan. 13
Illinois 20, Purdue 16
Iowa 24, Michigan 21
Michigan St. 30, Northwestern 6
Minn. Duluth 55, Emporia St. 13
Missouri Valley 38, Northwestern (Iowa) 13
Morningside 40, Rocky Mountain 21
Mount Union 34, Washington & Jefferson 20
N. Dakota St. 42, South Dakota 0
N. Iowa 28, W. Illinois 13
North Central (Ill.) 63, Albion 7
Notre Dame 23, BYU 13
Ohio St. 42, Indiana 14
Oklahoma 41, Kansas St. 31
S. Dakota St. 42, Youngstown St. 13
S. Illinois 31, Indiana St. 9
St. Francis (Ind.) 20, Faulkner 13
St. John Fisher 25, John Carroll 16
Tabor 14, Benedictine (Kan.) 13
Wartburg 41, Illinois Wesleyan 7
West Texas A&M 27, Indianapolis 14
Wis.-Platteville 54, Concordia (Wis.) 20
Wis.-Whitewater 31, St. Norbert 7
Wisconsin 20, Minnesota 7
Wittenberg 58, Lebanon Valley 17
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 35, Georgia St. 33
Cent. Arkansas 49, Sam Houston St. 31
Cincinnati 24, Houston 17
Mississippi St. 24, Arkansas 17, OT
Prairie View 43, Ark.-Pine Bluff 23
UTSA 21, North Texas 13
FAR WEST
Arizona 42, Oregon 16
Cal Poly 42, N. Colorado 14
E. Washington 42, Portland St. 41
Fresno St. 69, New Mexico 28
Montana 28, Montana St. 14
N. Arizona 20, S. Utah 10
Stanford 63, California 13
UC Davis 34, Sacramento St. 7
Utah St. 13, Colorado St. 0
Washington St. 49, Utah 37
Weber St. 32, Idaho St. 7
Wyoming 59, Hawaii 56, OT

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday's games
EAST
Bucknell 77, Albany (NY) 64
Colgate 81, St. Francis (Pa.) 64
Iona 89, George Mason 73
Mount St. Mary's 68, American U. 64
NJIT 91, Lafayette 88, OT
Navy 73, UMBC 58
Radford 69, Binghamton 63
Rhode Island 79, Mass.-Lowell 68
Rider 89, CCSU 73
Sacred Heart 85, Fordham 73
St. Peter's 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 63
West Virginia 88, Presbyterian 55
William & Mary 72, Rutgers 62
SOUTH
Boise St. 100, New Orleans 80
Coll. of Charleston 89, Furman 55
ETSU 66, Stephen F. Austin 58
Florida Gulf Coast 79, Ave Maria 56
Jacksonville 76, Florida A&M 72
Marshall 96, UNC Wilmington 78
Memphis 98, Nicholls St. 59
Mercer 81, Yale 54
Old Dominion 86, Georgia Southern 69
SC State 88, Voorhees 74
South Alabama 74, Wright St. 70
Southern Miss. 67, Houston Baptist 62
Virginia 75, Liberty 53
W. Kentucky 67, Samford 64
Winthrop 96, Va. Intermont 62
MIDWEST
Austin Peay 78, Montana St. 72
Butler 59, Ball St. 58
Cleveland St. 87, Robert Morris 74
Creighton 82, Tulsa 72
Drake 88, Nebraska-Omaha 80
E. Illinois 89, Roosevelt 67
E. Michigan 74, Texas-Arlington 69
Green Bay 92, Minn. Duluth 57
Kent St. 102, Niagara 97
Missouri 72, Gardner-Webb 63
Ohio 85, Heidelberg 57
SC-Upstate 72, W. Carolina 58
Saint Louis 74, Bowling Green 47
Stony Brook 67, FAU 61
Toledo 80, Detroit 78
Valparaiso 81, James Madison 49
Wilmington (Ohio) 65, Miami (Ohio) 63
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 78, N. New Mexico 56
Princeton 70, Rice 56
UTSA 87, Texas A&M-CC 76
FAR WEST
Columbia 65, Idaho 60
E. Washington 102, LIU Brooklyn 70
Grand Canyon 78, Lamar 69
N. Arizona 83, San Diego Christian 59
San Jose St. 81, Cal St.-Fullerton 59
UC Davis 64, Loyola of Chicago 61, OT
Utah 71, Savannah St. 57
TOURNAMENT
Coaches vs. Cancer Classic Third Place
Seton Hall 68, Virginia Tech 67
Hall of Fame Tip-off-Naismith First Round
Louisville 71, Fairfield 57
North Carolina 82, Richmond 72
Hofstra 81, Hartford 78
Maui Invitational-First Round
Coastal Carolina 70, St. Francis (NY) 59
Louisiana-Lafayette 84, Oakland 75
USVI Paradise Jam First Round
Loyola Marymount 76, Marist 70
Vanderbilt 75, Morgan St. 66

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES
DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL — Jared Chrzanowski 824 (288), Bob Utter 782 (278), Cliff Vance 776 (277), Bill Hendrixson 761 (279), Dennis Weatherman 761 (299), Bill Rath 747 (279), Dave Matheny 718 (245), Erik Ender 708 (244), Bob Forsythe 708 (243), Jeff Vance 706 (276), Ted Panagakos 699 (248), Jason Utter 692 (256). Team: B&L Rentals 3636 (1273).
STARLIGHTERS — Men: Jim Williams 747 (257), Ron Fredricks 725 (256), Jason Utter 714 (253), Steve Sokol 652 (245). Women: Melissa Utter 659 (235), Melanee Mangold 589 (203), Suzy Guzicki 585 (202), Karen Zawacki 563 (200), Gina Gitchell 563 (221). Team: The Utter 2 1373 (488).

NBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	7	.462	—
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	1
Boston	5	10	.333	2
New York	3	9	.250	2½
Brooklyn	3	9	.250	2½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	3	.769	—
Atlanta	8	6	.571	2½
Charlotte	6	7	.462	4
Washington	5	8	.385	5
Orlando	4	8	.333	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	12	1	.923	—
Chicago	6	5	.545	5
Detroit	4	8	.333	7½
Cleveland	4	9	.308	8
Milwaukee	2	9	.182	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	1	.917	—
Dallas	9	4	.692	2½
Houston	8	5	.615	3½
Memphis	7	6	.538	4½
New Orleans	6	6	.500	5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	11	2	.846	—
Oklahoma City	8	3	.727	2
Minnesota	8	6	.571	3½
Denver	5	6	.455	5
Utah	1	13	.071	10½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	—
Golden State	8	5	.615	½
Phoenix	6	6	.500	2
L.A. Lakers	6	7	.462	2½
Sacramento	4	8	.333	4

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 115, Milwaukee 107, OT
Phoenix 98, Charlotte 91
Toronto 96, Washington 88
Indiana 97, Boston 82
Atlanta 96, Detroit 89
Minnesota 111, Brooklyn 81
San Antonio 102, Memphis 86
New Orleans 104, Cleveland 100
Dallas 103, Utah 93
Portland 98, Chicago 95
L.A. Lakers 102, Golden State 95
Saturday's Games
L.A. Clippers 103, Sacramento 102
Indiana 106, Philadelphia 98
Washington 98, New York 89
Miami 101, Orlando 99
Boston 94, Atlanta 87
Minnesota at Houston
Charlotte at Milwaukee
Cleveland at San Antonio
Dallas at Denver
Portland at Golden State
Today's Games
Detroit at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA LEADERS
Through Friday
Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	11	92	119	324	29.5
Anthony, NYK	11	102	69	287	26.1
James, MIA	12	113	66	307	25.6
Love, MIN	14	113	92	347	24.8
George, IND	12	101	65	295	24.6
Harden, HOU	12	87	91	290	24.2
Ellis, DAL	13	108	78	306	23.5
Martin, MIN	13	99	69	300	23.1
Griffin, LAC	13	125	47	299	23.0
Afflalo, ORL	11	82	50	247	22.5
Irving, CLE	13	103	54	284	21.8
Turner, PHL	14	116	66	304	21.7
Aldridge, POR	13	122	38	282	21.7
Westbrook, OKC	9	69	44	194	21.6
Cousins, SAC	11	90	57	237	21.5
DeRozan, TOR	13	99	62	276	21.2
Lawson, DEN	11	79	58	230	20.9
Beal, WAS	12	94	27	250	20.8
Davis, NOR	12	90	68	248	20.7
Thompson, GOL	13	100	22	266	20.5

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Drummond, DET	71	107	.664
Hill, LAL	56	92	.609
James, MIA	113	188	.601
Bosh, MIA	62	107	.579
Scola, IND	46	80	.575
Lopez, Bro	62	108	.574
Jordan, LAC	52	91	.571
Johnson, TOR	56	99	.566
Griffin, LAC	125	222	.563
Henson, MIL	51	91	.560

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, HOU	13	44	134	178	13.7
Love, MIN	14	52	137	189	13.5
Jordan, LAC	13	64	108	172	13.2
Drummond, DET	12	55	93	148	12.3
Davis, NOR	12	50	82	132	11.0
Vucevic, ORL	11	40	80	120	10.9
Griffin, LAC	13	28	112	140	10.8
Gasol, LAL	13	21	117	138	10.6
Hawes, PHL	14	30	114	144	10.3
Favors, UTA	14	41	102	143	10.2

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Paul, LAC	13	162	12.5
Wall, WAS	12	109	9.1
Rubio, MIN	14	122	8.7
Curry, GOL	10	87	8.7
Teague, ATL	13	113	8.7
Lawson, DEN	11	93	8.5
Jennings, DET	10	78	7.8
Carter-Williams, PHL	10	78	7.8
Holiday, NOR	12	88	7.3
Blake, LAL	13	92	7.1

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Saturday's semifinals
Division 1
Clarkston 61, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 26
Detroit Catholic Central 28, Detroit Cass Tech 0
Division 2
Birmingham Brother Rice 43, Detroit King 20
Muskegon 41, Portage Central 35
Division 3
DeWitt 21, St. Clair 20
Zeeland West 42, Lakeshore 7
Division 4
Grand Rapids South Christian 20, Comstock Park 6
Marine City 12, Lansing Sexton 7
Division 5
Grand Rapids West Catholic 50, Livonia Clarenceville 0
Menominee 59, Muskegon Oakridge 28
Division 6
Clinton 49, Shelby 3
Ithaca 21, Montrose 20, OT
Division 7
Detroit Loyola 52, Homer 7
Ishpeming 44, Harbor Beach 10
Division 8
Beal City 34, Crystal Falls Forest Park 18
Muskegon Catholic 45, New Lothrop 14

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME 76, PENN 54

NOTRE DAME (4-0)
Achonwa 2-4 0-0 4, Braker 1-4 0-4 2, Allen 3-4 2-2 8, McBride 6-13 1-2 15, Loyd 4-13 4-4 12, Holloway 0-0 0-0 0, Nelson 0-1 0-0 0, Reimer 5-9 4-4 14, Cable 2-5 0-1 5, Mabrey 5-9 1-1 13, Huffman 0-3 1-2 1, Wright 1-2 0-0 2, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-67 13-20 76.
PENN (0-2)
Bonenberger 2-8 2-2 6, Allen 5-9 0-0 11, Baron 4-16 1-2 10, Roche 2-3 0-0 5, McCullough 1-6 0-0 2, Falconer 0-0 0-0 0, Juday 0-1 0-0 0, Cheney 0-0 1-2 1, Lockett 1-2 0-0 2, Stipanovich 4-6 3-4 11, Gibbons 0-0 0-0 0, Connell 0-0 0-2 0, Busch 0-2 0-0 0, Wilson 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 21-56 9-14 54.
Halftime—Notre Dame 34-22. 3-Point Goals—Notre Dame 5-8 (McBride 2-2, Mabrey 2-3, Cable 1-2, Loyd 0-1), Penn 3-12 (Allen 1-1, Roche 1-2, Baron 1-3, Lockett 0-1, Bonenberger 0-1, Busch 0-1, Juday 0-1, McCullough 0-2). Fouled Out—Bonenberger. Rebounds—Notre Dame 43 (Braker, McBride 9), Penn 37 (Bonenberger, Stipanovich 6). Assists—Notre Dame 23 (Allen 7), Penn 15 (Baron 5). Total Fouls—Notre Dame 16, Penn 18. A—1,025.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	254	199
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	183	268
Miami	5	5	0	.500	213	225
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	236	273

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	252	220
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	227	226
Houston	2	8	0	.200	193	276
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	129	318

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	275	206
Pittsburgh	4	6	0	.400	216	245
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400	208	212
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	238

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	1	0	.900	398	255
Kansas City	9	1	0	.900	232	138
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	194	246
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	228	222

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545	276	260
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	274	258
N.Y. Giants	4	6	0	.400	192	256
Washington	3	7	0	.300	246	311

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818	305	196
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	238	135
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	187	237
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182	227	309

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	6	4	0	.600	265	253
Chicago	6	4	0	.600	282	267
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	258	239
Minnesota	2	8	0	.200	240	320

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	10	1	0	.909	306	179
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	247	178
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	214	212
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	224	234

Thursday's Game
New Orleans 17, Atlanta 13
Today's Games
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at New England, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Seattle
Monday's Game
San Francisco at Washington, 8:40 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 28
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 1
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 2
New Orleans at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.

NHL

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	23	15	6	2	32	64	43
Toronto	23	14	8	1	29	66	54
Tampa Bay	23	14	8	1	29	67	61
Montreal	24	13	9	2	28	64	51
Detroit	24	10	7	7	27	60	69
Ottawa	23	9	10	4	22	67	73
Florida	24	6	13	5	17	53	80
Buffalo	24	5	18	1	11	43	76

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	24	15	9	0	30	69	54
Washington	24	12	10	2	26	72	68
New Jersey	22	9	8	5	23	48	53
N.Y. Rangers	22	11	11	0	22	46	54
Philadelphia	22	10	10	2	22	49	53
Carolina	23	8	10	5	21	45	66
Columbus	23	8	12	3	19	56	71
N.Y. Islanders	24	8	13	3	19	68	82

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	23	15	4	4	34	85	69
Minnesota	24	15	5	4	34	64	55
St. Louis	21	15	3	3	33	73	49
Colorado	21	16	5	0	32	68	45
Dallas	21	11	8	2	24	60	59
Nashville	22	11	9	2	24	52	65
Winnipeg	25	10	11	4	24	66	75

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	25	16	6	3	35	76	63
San Jose	22	14	3	5	33	77	51
Phoenix	22	14	4	4	32	76	70
Los Angeles	23	15	6	2	32	64	50
Vancouver	24	12	8	4	28	64	63
Calgary	23	8	11	4	20	64	84
Edmonton	24	7	15	2	16	64	84

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Friday's Games
Calgary 4, Florida 3, SO
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Montreal 3, Washington 2
Vancouver 6, Columbus 2
Anaheim 1, Tampa Bay 0, OT
Saturday's Games
Minnesota 3, Winnipeg 2, SO
Toronto 2, Washington 1, SO
Boston 3, Carolina 2, OT
Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2
Ottawa 4, Detroit 2
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
N.Y. Rangers at Nashville
Anaheim at Phoenix
Dallas at St. Louis
Chicago at Vancouver
Colorado at Los Angeles
New Jersey at San Jose
Today's Games
Detroit at Buffalo, 5 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 5 p.m.

SENATORS 4, RED WINGS 2

Ottawa	2	0	2	—	4
Detroit	1	0	1	—	2

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Lions on top, look to stay there with win

Detroit hosts Tampa Bay today

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions control their playoff picture, sharing first place in the NFC North with Chicago, a team they've beaten twice to own the potential tiebreaker.

Detroit has four of its next five games at home, including today's matchup against Tampa Bay, and only one game remaining against a team that currently has a winning record.

The Lions, though, turned a great position into only a good one by blowing a four-point, fourth-quarter lead in last week's loss at Pittsburgh.

"We still own our destiny," defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh said. "We can continue to hold those reins as long as we take care of business."

If Detroit can avoid losing two straight for the first time this year against a team with a two-game winning streak, the franchise will take another step toward earning a spot in the postseason for the second time in three seasons. Perhaps even win a division title for the first time in two decades.

Lions receiver Calvin Johnson is in a spectacular stretch of his two-time All-Pro career, heading into a matchup with Darrelle Revis, who shut him down in their only other meeting. Revis limited Johnson to a career-low-matching one reception for 13 yards, the fourth-lowest total of career, three years ago to help the New York Jets win at Detroit 23-20 in overtime.

The Buccaneers signed the three-time All-Pro cornerback to a six-year, $96 million for games like this one, having confidence in him even though he needed major surgery on his left knee early last season with the Jets.

"Is he all the way back? Probably not, but he is getting real close," Tampa Bay coach Greg Schiano said.

Revis said he's not 100 percent healthy, but Johnson said he looks good on film. "He's a lot stronger than a normal corner you would face on a regular day," Johnson said.

Detroit's Jim Schwartz seemed to cool his potentially hot seat by leading the Lions to sole possession of first place in the NFC North.

But he fired up another round of questions and criticism when a gutsy call backfired. Instead of kicking a 27-yard field goal for a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter, Schwartz called for a fake that didn't work. The Steelers scored the last two touchdowns to win 37-27.

"Y'all say whatever you want about me — don't say I'm scared," Schwartz said.

Schiano, meanwhile, might have improved his job security by leading Tampa Bay to two straight wins after starting 0-8 this year, and winning only one of 14 games dating back to his debut season. Schiano also dealt with the benching and release of quarterback Josh Freeman and a MRSA infections outbreak.

The Bucs recommitted to running more three weeks ago, and rookie quarterback Mike Glennon has benefited. He attempted between 43 and 51 passes in four starts, and lost each game.

With Mike James and Bobby Rainey filling in for the injured Doug Martin, Tampa Bay has rushed for 205, 140 and 186 yards, while Glennon has attempted 23, 21 and 23 passes.

Rainey, an undrafted rookie cut last month by Cleveland, rushed for 163 yards and scored three touchdowns during last week's 41-28 victory against Atlanta.

"They got big O-linemen that make holes for whoever is in their backfield," Detroit defensive tackle Nick Fairley said.

Detroit has allowed its last four opponents to average fewer than 50 yards rushing after giving up an average of 125 yards in its first six games. "

Backup QBs lead Rams, Bears

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Josh McCown has been efficient enough for the Chicago Bears to prompt the obligatory quarterback controversy questions.

Kellen Clemens averaged an eye-popping 27 yards per completion his latest outing for the St. Louis Rams.

Though jobs aren't in jeopardy for the hobbled starters, both teams' offenses are doing just fine.

McCown has thrown for five touchdowns with no interceptions in 101 passes overall for Chicago (6-4) entering his third straight start today. Jay Cutler is out at least one more week with a high left ankle sprain, and there's a bit of fuel added to the situation given Cutler's contract is due to expire.

Regarding McCown, coach Marc Trestman said: "I didn't have any expectations. I didn't really know Josh before I got here. I think the key, like most quarterbacks, he's extremely hard working."

Clemens is in the midst of his first open-ended run as a starter since 2007 with the Jets. He goes in place of Sam Bradford, out for the year with a left knee injury. Clemens made the most out of every chance in a surprising 38-8 romp at Indianapolis his last time out, going 9 for 16 for 247 yards and two touchdowns — the first multi-TD game of his career.

"Hopefully the guys are getting more comfortable with me being in there," Clemens said. "It was a good week against Indianapolis, but you're not going to win the next game based on your performance from that week."

According to STATS, the average per completion was the NFL's best since Seattle's Trent Dilfer averaged 29 yards on Oct. 20, 2002 at St. Louis.

Entering his fourth start this year and 16th in eight seasons, Clemens is not worried about the likelihood rookie Tavon Austin will get double-teamed coming off a breakout game against the Colts. Austin had two TD receptions of 55-plus yards along with a 98-yard punt return.

"We don't have 'Megatron,"' Clemens said, referring to the Lions' Calvin Johnson, "but we have a lot of playmakers that can make big plays at any time."

Paul Sancya / AP

Chicago Bears offensive guard Kyle Long plays during the fourth quarter of an game against Detroit earlier this season. Brothers Kyle and Chris Long go head-to head in today's Bears-Rams game while father Howie Long, a Hall of Famer, watches.

A Long line of success

Brothers Chris, Kyle Long line up vs. each other in today's Bears-Rams game

By RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

When Chris Long studies video of the opposing offensive line this week, searching for tendencies and vulnerabilities, he can't also help but notice strong plays by the Bears' right guard.

And the Rams defensive end wells up with pride.

Long and younger brother Kyle play against each other for the first time today, and their Hall of Fame father, Howie, will watch from a suite. The elder Long has always felt sympathy for another former NFL player, Archie Manning, when his quarterback sons face one another.

Yet the Longs will endure a true head-to-head tussle that the Mannings never can. Chris and Kyle will likely slam into each other along the line of scrimmage at least a few times in St. Louis.

Howie Long would normally be in a Los Angeles studio on a fall Sunday. His employer, Fox, insisted he take the day off, though Long will still briefly appear on air as the network televises the game.

He'll go from commentator to interviewee, from analyzing the story to part of the story.

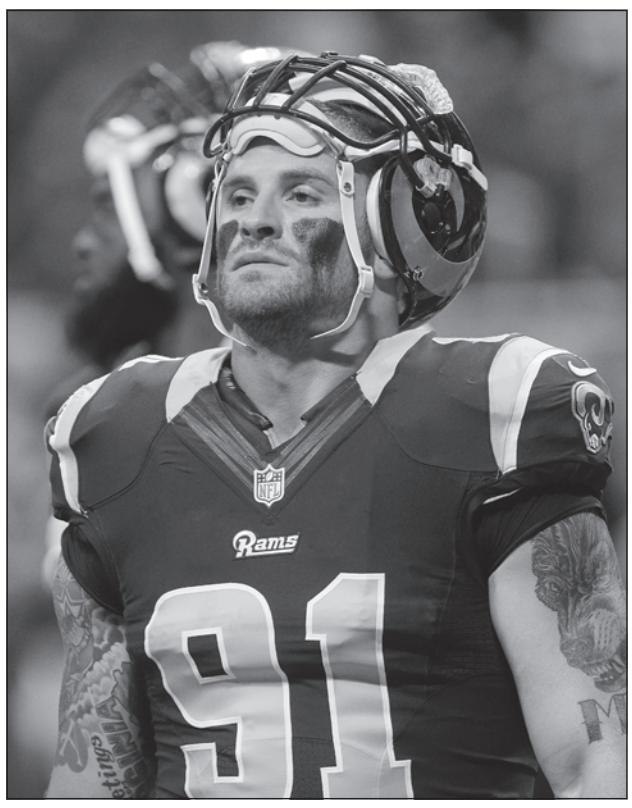
Kyle, listed at 6-foot-6 and 311 pounds, has started every game as a rookie for Chicago. Chris, 6-3, 270, has 48 1/2 sacks in six seasons for the Rams.

With an age gap of almost four years, the two have never shared the same field in uniform. Not surprisingly, these two large, competitive, athletic guys have tangled in plenty of "melees," as Howie puts it.

Their worst fight, Kyle said, "probably had to do with something I may or may not have mumbled under my breath to my mom regarding taking the trash out."

"I'm going to leave it at that," he added. "I don't talk back to my mom anymore, and I keep my distance from my brother when I'm being asked to do things."

Kyle is happy to go into vivid detail about a rivalry at the family's vacation home in Montana. The brothers try to see who can push a jeep 30 yards the fastest.



Seth Perlman / AP

St. Louis defensive end Chris Long walks on the field before the start of a game against Arizona earlier this season.

Kyle can even remember the exact times for last summer: He did it 9 1/2 seconds, Chris in 11. Kyle was so pumped that he ignored exhaustion to sprint away in celebration, trash-talking the whole way. In this telling, Chris just sat on the ground, pouting.

Chris contends the differential was a half-second.

"When I adjusted the fact that he weighs 58 pounds more than me, maybe, I think I won," he said. "That's my claim, at least."

Frequently during the season, one brother will get a 10-minute break between meetings and text the other.

Even this week.

"Why would that change?" Kyle said. "We're still brothers. It might be a little more smack talk."

There will be some of that between plays today, too, he promised. Kyle plans to warn fellow rookie right tackle Jordan Mills, who will likely wrangle with Chris the most, what not to say to his brother.

"I've heard from his point of view of what offensive linemen can do to your psyche, and that kill switch comes on and nobody wants that to come on during the game," Kyle said.

Watching and listening to his older brother over the years offered Kyle a how-to course in NFL life. Those jeep pushes aren't just friendly competition but an example of necessary offseason workouts.

Kyle has always idolized Chris, which makes him think of a sports-referencing lyric in a song by rapper Drake: "And that's around the time that your idols become your rivals."

"It's a blessing and it's a curse," Kyle said. "I know my mom and dad are going to be worried sick up there in the suite at the Jones Dome."

Brotherly quarterback matchups get the most attention, but siblings have met in the trenches before, too.

The second of three NFL generations of the Matthews family — Bruce, an offensive lineman, and Clay, a linebacker — regularly butted heads as divisional rivals in the 1980s and '90s.

Howie remembers the message he always gave his three sons around the dinner table (Howie Jr. works for the Raiders) about the importance of family: "These people at the end of the day would jump in front of a bus to save you."

The Longs have about 40 friends and relatives flying in for the game. Howie and his wife will do an interview from the stadium during Fox's pregame show, when the elder Long would normally be opining on the afternoon's matchups.

This time, he'll be speaking as a parent, not an analyst.

"Fox NFL Sunday" producer Bill Richards said Howie had agreed to be shown in the suite a couple of times during the game, but the camera won't be cutting to the father immediately after, say, Chris beats Kyle for a sack.

Manning, Brady not focused on hype

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady. Denver Broncos vs. New England Patriots. All in front of a prime-time audience.

A marquee matchup, for sure.

But for the players and coaches, tonight's game is just another obstacle on the way to the postseason.

"It's one where TV obviously wants to have it on," Broncos interim coach Jack Del Rio said. "It's great for the theater and all that, but it really comes down to two football teams."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick isn't one to get distracted by all the hype, either. And that's rubbed off on his players.

"Our guys are pretty locked in all the time," Brady said. "That's the thing coach Belichick always does a great job of. He's pretty relentless. He never takes it easy on the guys and says, 'All right, this week is kind of an easier week for us.' Or 'It's a relatively unimportant game.' Everything is always, 'We have to put our max into it. We have to get our best out of everybody.' "

Especially tonight.

Denver (9-1) leads the NFL with 39.8 points per game, three more than the league record set by the Patriots in 2007. Manning has thrown 34 touchdown passes, a pace that would give him 54 and break the mark of 50 set by Brady in 2007.

He has plenty of outstanding receivers with former Patriot Wes Welker, Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker and tight end Julius Thomas. Welker suffered a concussion in last Sunday's 27-17 win over the Kansas City Chiefs, the last unbeaten team.

"You can't give up any big plays," Patriots defensive end Rob Ninkovich said. "You can't just let some guy run down the middle of the field and have (Manning) throw an easy touchdown."

New England (7-3) has a bunch of new receivers and Brady is having a subpar season. Still, he's 9-4 against Denver and led the Patriots to a franchise-record 35 first downs in last year's 31-21 win over the Broncos.

Manning isn't reminiscing about all those games between two of the best quarterbacks in NFL history.

"Every game is just so critical in the conference right now," he said, "so it's hard to think about anything else, really, besides that."

Despite worries about Manning's taped and tender ankles, he has only been sacked 13 times, the second fewest of any quarterback who has started all his team's games.

Only Detroit's Matthew Stafford, with 12 sacks, has been dropped fewer times. Last week, the Chiefs, who have 36 sacks, didn't trap Manning in Denver's win that left both teams tied for the AFC West lead.

The Patriots have a two-game lead in the weak AFC East, but must face the NFL's best offense without some top defenders and with others not at full strength. Tackles Vince Wilfork and Tommy Kelly and linebacker Jerod Mayo are on injured reserve.

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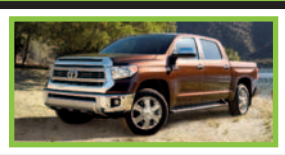

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See, taste, hear the beauty of common grace

Many of us will say grace before a Thanksgiving meal this year. Perhaps as lovely as saying grace is seeing grace. Common grace is before our eyes every day of the year, every moment of the day.

Lori Borgman

We see it on the table in the sweet potatoes, buttered rolls, green beans, corn, fruit salad and pumpkin pie. They sit there, enticing and inviting, because the Hand of Heaven caused the sun to shine and the rain to fall and the crops to grow.

Common grace parades before us with each changing season as well. The frost of fall gives way to the glistening snow of winter, which will yield to a thousand shades of green in spring, which will fan out into the long, warm rays of summer. We grow weary near the end of each season, tired of the familiar, ready for something new. So we anticipate the next season, never doubting that it will arrive with the usual beauty, splash, charm and change.

You need only look out a window to appreciate common grace in the creatures. Take the black-capped chickadee with his round body, black cap and white cheeks. He is no bigger than a plum and weighs about the same as four pennies. A plum would freeze solid within minutes when the temperature dips to zero. Not the chickadee. He was designed with thousands of downy appendages called afterfeathers. These afterfeathers, tucked beneath his outerfeathers, form myriad air pockets that trap warm, dry air, protect him from the bitter cold and keep him quite alive. Common grace is even in the details.

In the creative realm, common grace can be enjoyed in the painter's masterpiece, a garden bouquet, the strands of Bach and Vivaldi, or the voice of Adele. It can be seen in the beauty of a spectacular football interception or a child's dance recital.

The Psalmist said, "The Lord is good to all, and His mercies are over all His works." God's common grace showers everyone, just as the rain falls on the just and the unjust.

We experience the goodness of common grace every time we pass through the doors of a doctor's office or a hospital. God's gift of intellect to every man, some of whom have unlocked the mysteries of physics, science and medicine, is a blessing to us all.

We reap the benefits of common grace in the intellectual realm every time we throw in a load of laundry, send a text, flip on a light switch, pick up a prescription, read a newspaper online, run hot water in the kitchen sink, start a car, buy gasoline, swipe a credit card, Skype with family far away, use GPS and step on a plane.

Why such magnificent, marvelous, wonderful goodness across the board?

Perhaps so that we might take a moment to humbly bow and simply say thanks.

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Don't be the office dinosaur

Older workers face a rapidly evolving workplace, but they still add value

By JEFF STRICKLER
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — Linda DiCicco is 53 going on 20.

She works at a computer store in Southdale mall, in Edina, Minn., where many of her customers are half her age, and so are her co-workers.

"I went to a training seminar in Atlanta where my roommate was 22," she said. "I was looking for people my own age to hang out with, but I couldn't find any."

Fortunately for her, she's comfortable around younger people and is excited about learning things, especially involving technology. It's an attitude that not only serves her well now but will be an even bigger factor in the future.

As they move into the latter stages of their careers, baby boomers are discovering that the norms that applied to previous generations no longer hold sway.

It is all about attitude. The mentality is ageless.
MICHELLE LOVE
Chief marketing officer for MRA

While their parents were able to rely on experience accumulated from decades on the job, today's older workers are seeing their jobs change around them – and sometimes disappear out from under them. Equipment and processes are evolving quickly, rendering useless much of the knowledge and skills they spent years amassing.

As a result, older workers can end up feeling like the office dinosaur: outdated, irrelevant and obsolete.

But it doesn't have to be that way, say career counselors, educators and people like DiCicco who refuse to be intimidated by the situation. There's still a need for experienced employees.

"It's all about adding value, at any age," said Michelle Love, chief marketing officer for MRA, parent company of the Plymouth, Minn.-based human resources consulting firm Trusight. "It's the total package: having the skills, having the confidence, and then also understanding that the same rules apply when you're in your 50s as when you're in your 20s. At the end of the day, those who add value to the organization are highly sought after."

Baby boomers are rewriting the book on how age affects lifestyle, including their roles in the workforce. The number of full-time employees 60 and older is higher than it's ever been, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and predictions are that it will continue to rise as the remainder of the generation charges toward what used to be retirement age.

Instead of lamenting that things aren't like they used to be, older workers should embrace the changes, Love said.

"Where we are in our 50s is so different from where people were in their 50s just 30 years ago," she said. "We have people who are vibrant, interested, active – not even just active, but on the leading edge – despite age. And it is all about attitude. The mentality is ageless."

Stereotypes are one of the biggest hurdles faced by older workers, but not just the labels assigned to them by younger workers; the bigger danger is that older workers buy into typecasting and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"Our society is hung up on statistical averages and overgeneralizing based on age or generation," said Verna Monson, an educational psychologist who is founder of Fifth Wave Evaluation Consulting in Minneapolis. "There's a lot more individual variation in ability and motivation. Not all twenty-somethings are interested in learning technology, and I've met 80-year-olds who can whip out their iPhone to look up stock prices."

A person's mindset is crucial. "It doesn't matter if we're talking about technology or sports or playing the piano," she said. "If you believe that you can or can't do something, you likely will be right either way."

Stephen Brookfield has spent

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Don't be a tech fossil

By KATIE HUMPHREY
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — Ruthe Batulis saw her younger coworkers texting, tweeting and posting videos online. Rather than getting intimidated, she decided to join them in chatting on Twitter and sharing videos through Tout.

"You're not just sitting there saying 'I don't know how to do this,'" said Batulis, 62, executive director of the Minnesota Recruiting and Staffing Association. "You say, 'Can you show me how to do this?' Then you'll be able to do that the next time."

Amid a tech revolution unmatched in scope and speed, more older workers are delaying retirement – and finding themselves racing to keep their skills updated. Careers that may have started with typewriters have stretched beyond punch cards and clunky desktops with dial-up Internet to the era of WiFi, tablets and smartphones.

Technology in the workplace changes so fast that hardly anyone can keep up, and those on the far side of 40 are often assumed to be the farthest behind.

But Batulis and others who approach new tools with a mix of confidence and curiosity have found good reasons to tap into the latest technology.

Industry updates spill out daily on Twitter. LinkedIn exponentially expands the opportunities for networking. Presentations go beyond tired PowerPoint slides. Perhaps more than anything, dabbling in new technology demonstrates that experienced employees aren't coasting into retirement.

"Age discrimination is real," said Mary Schmidt, area manager for Minnesota Workforce

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With no surprise, is the gift magic gone?

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Count Cynthia Gibson among gift recipients not interested in being surprised.

"Most of the time it's a disappointment, and I'm one of those people who don't hide their emotions very well," said Gibson, in Los Angeles. "The best gift is getting what you want."

Natalie Caine begs to differ. She has a holiday ritual with some women friends: They do a surprise giveaway of something they have at home and want to pass on. Life is busy enough, she said, without having to hunt down your own gifts.

And besides, what about the magic?

"We already have too many to do lists," said Caine, a fellow Angeleno. "Let's enjoy bringing out our creative surprise giver and take a chance it is well received."

Welcome to gifting 3.0, when we can – and do – make our own dreams come true with a click or a list or a trip to the mall. That sounds just fine to Gibson.

"A lot of people regift," she said. "If they didn't like it, what makes them think that I would like it?" And gift cards? Pffft. "That's for the truly lazy."

While gift registries, online and off, abound, along with old-fashioned list-making that you just turn over to mom or Santa, a couple of new websites are looking to bring back the surprise while also pleasing the picky, like Gibson.

According to the 2009 book "Scroogenomics: Why You Shouldn't Buy Presents for the Holidays," by economist Joel Waldfogel, buying gifts is a lousy allocation of resources due to the ignorance of givers about the true preferences of their giftees. He estimated that about $12 billion a year in the U.S. and $25 billion a year worldwide is misallocated on giving at the holidays.

That is one reason Jessica Jessup decided to co-found Giftovus.com in San Diego, Calif. At Giftovus, a recipient puts together a list that loved ones can pluck from, if desired, while talking things over on a group page without the giftee seeing their activity.

So, for example, if a gift recipient lists "bike," her group can drill down together, picking each other's brains on color and style, Jessup said.

"A lot of other sites are focused on just pulling off of a list," she said. "We found among our own experiences and talking to other people there's definitely a group that wants to contribute their own ideas and personal touches to a gift. When people get back to that surprise, they realize what they've missed."

At CheckedTwice.com, giftees can create groups and share lists in one place. It allows for "secret gifts" to be added to lists by anybody in the group, hidden from the view of the list-maker but visible to everybody else. There's a comment area as well.

"You still get the thrill of surprise when you rip into the wrapping paper," said co-founder Andrew Swick,

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Beards make a comeback as a fashion statement

By AIMEE BLANCHETTE
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

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Steve Carlin poses for portrait after a haircut and beard trim by barber Nick Steeves in St. Paul, Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS — Chris Sorensen usually spends 20 minutes each morning carefully styling his beard and mustache. Other days, "depending on how critical the situation is," it takes more than an hour.

The 29-year-old Brooklyn Park, Minn., resident combs essential oils through his long goatee, then uses wax and a blow dryer to coil the ends of his 15-inch musketeer mustache into perfectly round circles. Hair spray finishes the look.

What started four years ago as a way to honor his late grandfather has become Sorensen's personal trademark.

Thanks to men like him, this devotion to well-coiffed facial hair has made the beard - in all of its incarnations - a fashion darling.

"In the past, facial hair got the creepy-guy, homeless-man vibe," Sorensen said. "Now, you can carry yourself in a presentable and stylish way when you have a good-looking beard."

Thick, trimmed, neat or bristly, beards are as varying as the men who wear them – from blue-collar welders and pro athletes to Paris runway models and downtown businessmen. This widespread appeal has made beards a style statement even in the workplace, where acceptance of the unshaven look is growing (pun intended).

The revival of barbershops, as well as the formation of facial hair competitions and stubble-loving celebrities, are markers that the beard might be entering a new heyday.

This past summer, Schick reported a 10 percent drop in razor sales – indicating that more guys are letting their hair down.

November is peak whisker season. The global Movember movement, which encourages guys to grow mustaches to raise awareness and money for men's health, launched the mustache into popularity in recent years. But the fuller, fluffier beard is vying for its own spot on the facial hair map.

Jason Foster is a recent beard convert. Though he's had some sort of facial hair since he was 17, the big-bearded men who rule TV shows like "Duck Dynasty" and "Fast N' Loud" have inspired him to retire his razor.

"Guys covet facial hair," said the 31-year-old, who works in a corporate setting for a large financial institution. "I feel more manly when I have a beard."

There's some science behind that notion. According to studies, men with facial hair reportedly feel more masculine and are perceived as more virile than clean-shaven men.

Allan Peterkin has written three books about facial hair. He's a pogonologist, otherwise known as a beard expert (yes, there is such a thing).

"From an evolutionary point of view, male apes would jut their jaws out to appear more powerful when meeting their enemies," the Toronto psychiatrist said. "A beard seems to enlarge the jaw, so the guy with the more follicles is usually read as more masculine."

(Beards are) absolutely acceptable – if done smartly and groomed properly. Guys can take some liberties with their facial hair as long as everything else is buttoned up.

ANTHONY LICKTIEG
Stylist

Despite beards' popularity through history, Peterkin said many people still perceive them as "dodgy," as if men behind them have something to hide. Maybe that's why there hasn't been an American president with a full beard since 1893.

Anthony Licktieg, Juut's master stylist and men's specialist, said that while not everybody finds facial hair attractive, it's becoming commonplace in professional circles. He's styling more beards than ever.

"It's absolutely acceptable – if done smartly and groomed properly," he said. "Guys can take some liberties with their facial hair as long as everything else is buttoned up."

From products and tools, many men will go the distance to get their beards looking just right. Matt Legare says his beard is nothing more than an expression of his blue-collar background. But every six weeks, the 37-year-old welder from Lakeville, Minn., drives 25 miles to get a haircut and beard trim at 7th Street Barbers, an old-school barbershop in St. Paul.

At a recent bar gathering of the Minneapolis Beard and Moustache Club, the men even helped groom one another with hair dryers and flatirons before mugging for photos. Many of the club members are featured in a new book by Twin Cities photographer Joseph D.R. OLeary.

"I felt like beards were in fashion but out of favor," OLeary said.

Sorensen agrees. "Many of us have been doing this for years and years. Now people are starting to notice it and respect it," he said. "People blog about it, talk about it and we're getting the positive attention we've been looking for."

Among the club is a champion who has competed at the international level. Michael "MJ" Johnson, of Minneapolis sports a style called the Imperial Partial Beard, an abstract look that blends his mustache and sideburns – the thick dark chops covering most of his cheeks and curving upward.

Recently the 38-year-old wine specialist flew to Germany to compete in the 2013 World Beard and Moustache Championships. He placed second in the Imperial Partial Beard category, bringing back a silver medal to his fellow beardsmen.

"Guys recognize that (a beard) makes a statement," Johnson said. "Besides, why look good when you can look fantastic?"

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who recalled a particularly vexing Christmas for one loved one in 2002.

That's when his sister and site co-founder, Rebecca, unwrapped three identical volumes of Robert Frost poems she had coveted. The sentiment was in the right place – and then some.

"She had emailed out a wish list of ideas that people could get her," he said. "Then she came up with this idea. It was really designed to organize and stop that duplicate gift problem without ruining the surprise."

Attorney Dave Howard in Round Rock, Texas, uses the site with his wife, daughter, his daughter's boyfriend and his 22-year-old granddaughter. For years they kept their lists on a piece of paper, stuck to the refrigerator. It was inefficient as family members grew and flew the coop and led sometimes to duplicate gifts.

"Now, we can share our ideas of surprise gifts with one another," he said. "They can't see the things that are secret."

Group registries are ready made for Christmas, when so much buying and so many lists are in play, Swick said from Houston. At his site, which has a Pinterest-like interface, you can also add a gift suggestion to a person's list and let them see it.

AP file photo

Shoppers lug their bags as they walk in downtown Chicago in December 2011. While gift registries, online and off, abound, a couple of new websites are looking to bring back the surprise while also pleasing the picky.

In stealth mode, however, "It's almost like I'm pasting something to the person's Facebook wall that they can't see but everyone else can," Swick explained. "We make it a bit more collaborative."

The site, which was built out last year, has about 25,000 users, while Jessup's site got off the ground in earnest a couple of months ago and had not yet hit 1,000 users.

Busy people benefit greatly. "Some people want to give personal gifts that are also a surprise and get down to the perfect gift without having to ask the receiver," Jessup said.

Gibson is single but has a big family – nieces, nephews, eight aunts and uncles and 18 cousins included. Well-meaning gifts, she said, often wind up in the back of a closet. But her heart isn't entirely hard.

"I'm still warmed by the gifters' attempts to give me something," she said. "I'm a softie like that."

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nearly 40 years studying the supposed barriers to older-adult learning, and the professor in the School of Education at the University of St. Thomas has come to the conclusion that most of them are overrated.

"That idea that you can't teach an old dog new tricks is an absolute myth," said Brookfield, whose research has focused on adults who go back to school, often as a result of needing more education to keep current in their professions or being forced to learn something new because their jobs have evaporated.

Mental acuity changes as people age, but not always for the worse, he said. On the contrary, some of the changes are for the better.

"There's a difference between what's called 'fluid' and 'crystallized' intelligence," he said. Fluid intelligence is mental nimbleness, and that can decrease with age. Crystallized intelligence "deals with taking skills and concepts and applying them. If anything, that improves with age."

More important than age is the perceived usefulness of the subject matter, he said.

"Grandparents who don't even know what a (computer) mouse is learn how to Skype when they discover they can use it to keep in touch with their grandchildren," he said. "On the other hand, people don't intrinsically want to learn a new skill set that doesn't seem to be of any utility. Why complicate life when the old system is working?"

Experience still has a place in the workplace.

"The greatest gift an employee can bring to the table is experience and knowledge," Love said. "I'd much rather hire someone who is self-sufficient than someone who needs a lot of training."

But lording that experience over others is a quick way to be pegged as an old-timer. A common error made by older workers is chastising younger workers for suggesting things that were tried and rejected long before the younger workers were on the scene, said Marj Bergstrom, a training supervisor and senior career counselor for Trusight.

Sharing information about past experiences is good because it shortens the learning curve for younger workers. But the tone and words used to do so are critical, she said.

"Don't say, 'We did that before and it didn't work,'" she said. "I've coached my clients to say, 'In the past it has been my experience that this has been the case. I'm certainly open to hearing what you have to say, and certainly times change, but this is what has been my experience.'"

There also are little things one can do to stave off the appearance of being an office dinosaur, Love said.

"This might be controversial, but I'm going to say it anyway: If you're still carrying around a flip phone, that's part of the problem," she said. "If you're carrying a smartphone or tablet or both, that's a visible demonstration that you want to remain relevant."

She's not arguing that it's all you have to do. "It's way beyond just getting a smartphone, but that's one of the basic things," she said. "Get a smartphone and make sure you know how to operate a tablet – that's how business operates today. And don't tell people that you're not connected. That's the kiss of death right there."

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Centers. "If you are an older worker, you want to be careful about how you are perceived."

Experts say that something as simple as carrying a smartphone goes a long way toward conveying that someone is savvy and reachable via e-mail, text and maybe even Twitter. It also implies that employees are plugged in beyond the traditional 9-to-5 workday, as is often required in the modern workforce.

"A few years back, I didn't have e-mail on my phone and a client said, 'Are you serious? Get with the program,'" said Catherine Byers Breet, a career coach who advocates that anyone serious about their career have a smartphone and a social media presence. "In the old days, you had to go to the company parties to stay relevant. Now you have to get connected and tech-savvy to be considered relevant."

But where to start? Social networks are ever-multiplying. There are thousands of apps that do everything from taking voice memos and calendar management to booking a hotel or calling a cab. No matter the industry, it seems software updates come just as people adjust to the older version, demanding a new routine. It can be tricky to understand which media would best serve you in your career.

"There's a fear of failure and fear of technology in general," said Sunny Ainley, associate dean for continuing education at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn. "You're overwhelmed with the lightning speed at which everything is developing and changing."

Often, Ainley said, adjusting to technology comes easiest by diving in without worrying about mastery right away. She suggests identifying a goal – say compiling and analyzing data for a presentation – and then focusing on learning the tools that will allow you to accomplish that task.

"You have to make it relevant," she said. "A hammer is just a hammer until you learn how to use it in whatever effective and creative way you want to."

Ainley and others say there are many ways to pick up new tricks: Ask tech-savvy co-workers, check out free classes through libraries and community organizations, connect with professional associations for training online or in-person.

It may seem like the younger generations pick up new tools more quickly, but research has shown that age doesn't determine the ability to learn tech skills. Indeed, a recent Northwestern University study of an internal social network at a large credit card company found that more experienced workers were more willing to embrace the technology than younger employees were.

Alicia Nesvacil, 48, built her career by continuing to acquire new skills, starting as a clerk at a hospital and now working as a program manager for health information technology at HealthPartners.

She went back to school, completing a health information technology certificate program at Normandale Community College a couple of years ago to pick up more information on electronic health records.

"I could have just sat idle, but I knew that there were some enhancements that I wanted to add to my toolbox," she said. "You have to be open to the change."

Also, it helps to be realistic.

Michael Smith, who works on the tech services desk at North Memorial Medical Center, answers people's questions for a living. He went to Normandale a couple of years ago to brush up on his skills in health information technology. He also learned LinkedIn and credits the professionally focused social network with helping him land his current job. But he isn't completely comfortable with Facebook – yet.

"Every person is different," said Smith, 44. But he's clearly committed to building his tech skills over time. "You don't want to be a dinosaur."

Maybe it's time to reshape Veterans Day

Robert Dolsen
Generations

A few weeks ago, The HP's Scott Aiken, picking up the mantle for military veterans worn earlier by his esteemed colleague William (Rick) Ast, made a compelling case for the nation's former military to celebrate Veterans Day by getting a paid holiday. Not a bad idea.

But maybe more should be made of their day. The origin of Veterans Day is found in Armistice Day, a holiday marking the end of hostilities in World War I. It was primarily an expression of gratitude that young American men weren't dying in far-off countries across the Atlantic. It was considered "the war to end all wars," a hope we soon found had little foundation.

After World War II, the U.S. changed the name of the day to Veterans Day, to commemorate the contributions millions of young men and women made in that war and in the several other wars that followed.

It wasn't difficult during World War II to share pride, gratitude and grief. All Americans knew the threat of fascism. And with the draft, most American neighborhoods had blue star banners hanging proudly in windows, signaling a young man in service, and some had gold stars to tell the world young men had died in combat. Neighbors knew these youngsters. They watched them grow up. They said goodbye to them as they left home for distant battles. They talked about them in their absence and anxiously awaited their reunion. Communities mourned at losses, rejoiced when young men returned as seasoned veterans, and wildly celebrated the victories in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

But times and warfare changed. The reasons for wars became harder to discern by the citizenry. It began with the Korean War, called "a police action," a conflict that formally persists today. And then came Vietnam, which tore the nation apart, ultimately resulting in the elimination of the military draft. While the net result was the building of the most competent and sophisticated military the world has known, it also rendered the military uncomfortably isolated from the rest of the nation. And it has made it easy for the nation to forget.

With the draft, most young people returned home after two or three or four years to become part of the fabric of our communities. But volunteers making careers of the military return home to military bases and military towns after a tour of duty, adopting lifestyles and retirements engaged with the military. And so most local celebrations of their service tend to be more remote and impersonal than in earlier times.

Then came Iraq and Afghanistan. Most affected were the communities that hosted national guard and reserve units, sending numbers of local citizens far disproportionate to those of most communities.

And, further, as Andrew Bacevich, author of "Breach of Trust: How Americans Failed Their Soldiers and Their Country," points out, the commitment to modern wars has shifted primarily to the powers in Washington, and away from our nation's citizenry, not something our forefathers envisioned.

Maybe we need a different way of appreciating and understanding today's veterans and current military. It brings to mind an unusual holiday that young people growing up in Muskegon enjoyed years ago. In late May each year, we high school students would gather in Hackley Stadium to celebrate Hackley Day. One of our high achieving students would read the Hackley Day Creed, which said something about community being more important that self-aggrandizement, and another would read a poem commemorating the generosity of Charles H. Hackley.

Then we would hear the list of donations Mr. Hackley had made to our town. We all knew the buildings, most of which bore the Hackley name – the library, the art gallery, the park, the hospital, the vocational school, the museum, the high school football stadium, etc.

Then about 10 o'clock, we were given the rest of the school day off, and we would head for the beach to see how many of us would brave the 50-degree water temperatures.

Did it make an impression? Well, I still remember that Mr. Hackley was a lumberman who quit school in Kenosha at age 14, headed for Muskegon, made several million dollars in the late 19th century cutting and milling tens of millions of board feet of lumber a year, gave about a quarter of his fortune to cultural, humanitarian and educational ventures, and served on the school board. Not bad after 60-plus years.

Maybe that would provide a format for veterans' appreciation. Maybe schools could set aside a half day or so, having some military experts and teachers explain to students the role of the military in a democratic republic, how decisions are made to go to war, how the citizen militia has evolved into the current military, and how the military honors its fallen comrades. That could, perhaps, welcome our military home, not just with pomp and circumstance, but with real understanding. It could be a way of making our military again a part of our national fabric.

As for the day off for veterans, I'm retired now. But I was fortunate enough to enjoy that holiday off before I retired. And so I agree with Scott and Rick – one day off a year for my fellow vets certainly isn't asking too much.

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Turkey stuffed with dressing is also dressed with stuffing

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Dear Abby: My husband and I have the same argument every year around Thanksgiving. He says there is a difference between stuffing and dressing. I say they're the same thing, except that stuffing is baked in the turkey, while dressing is baked separately in a casserole dish.

My husband insists I'm wrong – that the difference has nothing to do with how it's cooked. He thinks stuffing is made with regular bread, while dressing is made with cornbread.

The debate is driving me crazy. Will you please tell me who is right? – Stuffing vs. Dressing in Ohio

Dear Stuffing vs. Dressing: The terms "dressing" and "stuffing" are interchangeable. They refer to a seasoned mixture used to stuff meat or poultry. It makes no difference what kind of bread is used.

Some tips: If you plan to stuff your turkey, be sure all the ingredients are precooked (i.e. vegetables, fruit, meat, seafood). Using pasteurized liquid eggs is safer than using raw eggs. The bird should be loosely stuffed, not packed because stuffing expands while cooking, and the turkey should be stuffed right before it is put into the oven, never ahead of time.

The stuffing takes the longest of the bird's components to reach the desired safe temperature (165 degrees). Once the stuffing is in the turkey, it should not be removed until the turkey is ready to be carved.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have lived here for 20 years, and so have our lovely, gracious and caring neighbors. We haven't had any new neighbors for years – until now.

My husband has met the couple in passing, but I haven't yet. There has been a lot of activity over there, what with moving in, etc. As a neighbor, when and how should I approach them and offer my welcome to the neighborhood? Should I bring them something? If so, what's the best thing? – Kate in Quincy, Mass.

Dear Kate: I can tell by your question that the folks in your neighborhood are indeed "lovely, gracious and caring." The first thing you should bring the new neighbors is a warm smile. And it wouldn't hurt if along with it you brought a plate of edible treats and an offer to refer them to the nearest market, dry cleaner, your shoe repair shop and a reliable plumber.

Dear Abby: My dad came into my room and told me he and my mom were having problems – that they were thinking about getting divorced. I can't imagine living without them or having to choose who I want to live with. Every child needs her mother, but Dad is the one who has always been there for me. Should I just live with my grandparents and see how that works out? What should I do? – Baffled in the South

Dear Baffled: It was wrong of your father to talk to you about this before anything had been decided between him and your mother. I realize that my telling you not to worry about this would do no good because being upset is perfectly natural in these circumstances. Your father may have spoken prematurely, so keep that in mind.

You should talk to both of your parents about this. If you are close to your grandparents, discuss it with them, too, since you feel you might like to live with them to avoid hurting either parent.

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Pet of the week

Photo provided

This beautiful girl is Althea! She's just 2 years old, spayed and up to date on all vaccinations. Althea is a quiet, gentle, friendly kitty who's very adaptable to new situations. She gets along well with other cats and also dogs. Her foster mom describes Althea as "the perfect cat." Althea is available for adoption with Save A Stray. You can meet her in the cat room at PetSmart, Benton Harbor. Check www.save-a-stray.org for more cats and also dogs available for adoption.

Thanksgiving slight is an opportunity for generosity

Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn: How do I handle not being invited to the extended family Thanksgiving dinner? An estranged sibling is having the dinner and has excluded the other three siblings – on purpose. The only other family member who knows is my mother, a favorite target of the estranged sibling's bullying. The extended family does not know there is a rift (a rift due to an ongoing pattern of this bullying).

Do I just suck it up and cook my own dinner, or get together with the other two siblings and not mention it to anyone outside the family nucleus? – **R.**

Or invite people you enjoy who you know don't have plans, or invite your other siblings and don't care who knows what, or pack a bag and treat yourself to an overnight someplace you've always wanted to see/see again, or spend the day shopping online for a needy family, or warm up your favorite pie and queue up a video marathon that provokes thought, inspires you or just makes you laugh out loud.

When someone spits on your script, that is hurtful and upsetting, I get it. But it's also license to drop the spitty script in the fire and write a new one. If you can use this do-over to be more generous with others than your sibling has been with you, then think of that as the stuffing in the bird.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

Volunteers

Out Center

Benton Harbor needs volunteers who are available during the hours of 3-6 p.m. Monday through Fridays and noon-4 p.m. Saturdays. Tasks include organizing the library books, DVDs, checking in and out books and DVDs, and responding to emails, phone calls and walk-ins requesting information about Out Center. Orientation and training will be provided. Choose what hours are convenient for you to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer call Interim Executive Director Mary Jo Schnell at 925-8330. Out Center is at 132 Water St. in the Benton Harbor Arts District.

Salvation Army, Benton Harbor

The Salvation Army needs volunteers who can assist with the Christmas distribution of food baskets and toys. This takes place at the Salvation Army office at 233 Michigan St., Benton Harbor. Ten volunteers will be needed Dec. 17-19. Hours are flexible from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. For additional information or to volunteer call Vicki Head at 927-1353.

Mosaic Resale Store

Volunteers who have great customer relations skills are needed Nov. 29-30 to assist with sorting clothes and toys. Tasks also include keeping the store looking organized and tidy as well as assisting customers with finding correct sizes, housewares, furniture and Christmas decorations. The store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Flexible shifts available. For more information or to volunteer call 925-9925 and ask for Andrew or Jerry.

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with Volunteer Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Sunday. To find out about more opportunities, call 983-0912, visit volunteerswmi.org or email volunteer@volunteerswmi.org.

Krasl Art Center

Front desk receptionist: Meet and greet the public, answer phones and provide information to Krasl visitors. Must have good customer service experience and skills.

Gift shop cashier: Help gift shop visitors look at all the art objects and gifts. Must have prior cashier and sales experience, plus good customer service skills.

To apply for either position, call Colleen Villa, director of community relations, at 983-0271 or email cvilla@krasl.org.

Our Father's Family Keeper Ministries

In preparation for the 2014 Community Based Summer Enrichment Program, administrative support is needed before April 7. Volunteers will assist with cutting, laminating, collating and preparing supplies for eight classes (there are seven or eight students per class), and two learning centers. There are also various activities using Microsoft Office 2010, such as Word and Excel. To volunteer, call Bianca L. May at 476-1257 or email ourfathersfamily@ymail.com

Cass County Council on Aging

Adult day services aide: Aide provides weekday assistance to supervisor at facility by interacting with clients and engaging in activities as client's ability permits; assisting with meals and snacks as needed; providing assistance or delivery of personal care tasks; and providing for client's safety, privacy and dignity.

Meals on Wheels driver: Weekday pickup and delivery of prepared meals from the facility kitchen; review route and inventory prior to delivery; document completed deliveries. Volunteers will use their own vehicles to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Cass County. Routes begin and end at the Cassopolis facility.

Medical transportation driver: Weekday transportation of clients to out-of-county medical appointments. Assignments begin and end at client's home located in Cass County. Driver must have reliable transportation and a good driving record and be comfortable driving in all weather conditions. Mileage is reimbursed at the approved government rate if using personal vehicles.

Café aide: Weekday facility Café assistance for seating, service and cleanup. Comfortable clothes and shoes, hairnets or baseball caps must be worn.

Contact Mark Love at 445-8110 or email markl@casscoa.org.

Berrien County Trial Court Family Division

Berrien County Trial Court Family Division is seeking volunteers to serve as receptionist for the Juvenile Court Department on the fourth floor of the courthouse in St. Joseph. Volunteers will be answering phones, filing, providing good customer service, making copies and more. Candidates must pass a background check. The greatest need is 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays. Shifts are available.

If you are interested, please call Rebecca Cahill at 983-7111, ext. 8615, or email rcahill@berriencounty.org.

Bazaars

Decatur: The 33rd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 30. The show will feature more than 150 artists and crafters from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. The cafe will feature homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. The show will be at the Decatur Junior/Senior High School, 110 Cedar St., and is sponsored by the Decatur Athletic boosters. Admittance to the show is a nonperishable food item for the Decatur Human Services Food Pantry.

Berrien Springs: Berrien RESA's Blossomland Learning Center, 711 St. Joseph Ave., will host a holiday bazaar from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 6. The snow date will be Dec. 9. The bazaar will feature an assortment of items including various crafts, ceramic art, baked goods, ornaments and more. There will also be several raffle items as well as light lunch options. Proceeds from the bazaar will benefit BLC students.

Benton Harbor: The Ladies Auxiliary is having a bake sale from 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6 at American Legion Post 105, 1645 Paw Paw Ave.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows will be published Sundays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups who would like to be included should send a press release two weeks in advance of the event to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

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France is right: Iran wants a 'sucker's deal'

Charles Krauthammer

A president desperate to change the subject and a secretary of state desperate to make a name for himself are reportedly on the verge of an "interim" nuclear agreement with Iran. France called it a "sucker's deal." France was being charitable.

The only reason Iran has come to the table after a decade of contemptuous stonewalling is that economic sanctions have cut so deeply – Iran's currency has collapsed, inflation is rampant – that the regime fears a threat to its very survival.

Nothing else could move it to negotiate. Regime survival is the only thing the mullahs value above nuclear weapons. And yet precisely at the point of maximum leverage, President Obama is offering relief in a deal that is absurdly asymmetric: The West would weaken sanctions in exchange for cosmetic changes that do absolutely nothing to weaken Iran's nuclear infrastructure.

Don't worry, we are assured. This is only an interim six-month agreement to "build confidence" until we reach a final one. But this makes no sense. If at this point of maximum economic pressure we can't get Iran to accept a final deal that shuts down its nuclear program, how in God's name do we expect to get such a deal when we have radically reduced that pressure?

A bizarre negotiating tactic. And the content of the deal is even worse. It's a rescue package for the mullahs.

It widens permissible trade in oil, gold and auto parts. It releases frozen Iranian assets, increasing Iran's foreign-exchange reserves by 25 percent while doubling its fully accessible foreign-exchange reserves. Such a massive infusion of cash would be a godsend for its staggering economy, lowering inflation, reducing shortages and halting the country's growing demoralization. The prospective deal is already changing economic expectations. Foreign oil and other interests are reportedly preparing to reopen negotiations for a resumption of trade in anticipation of the full lifting of sanctions.

And for what? You'd offer such relief in return for Iran giving up its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Isn't that what the entire exercise is about?

And yet this deal does nothing of the sort. Nothing. It leaves Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact. Iran keeps every one of its 19,000 centrifuges – yes, 19,000 – including 3,000 second-generation machines that produce enriched uranium at five times the rate.

Not a single centrifuge is dismantled. Not a single facility that manufactures centrifuges is touched. In Syria, the first thing the weapons inspectors did was to destroy the machines that make the chemical weapons. Then they went after the stockpiles. It has to be that way. Otherwise, the whole operation is an exercise in futility. Take away just the chemical agents, and the weapons-making facilities can replace them at will.

Yet that's exactly what we're doing with Iran. It would deactivate its 20 percent enriched uranium, which besides being chemically reversible, is quickly replaceable because Iran retains its 3.5 percent uranium, which can be enriched to 20 percent in less than a month. Result: Sanctions relief that leaves Iran's nuclear infrastructure untouched, including – and this is where the French gagged – the plutonium facility at Arak, a defiant alternate path to a nuclear weapon.

The point is blindingly simple. Unless you dismantle the centrifuges and prevent the manufacture of new ones, Iran will be perpetually just a few months away from going nuclear. This agreement, which is now reportedly being drafted to allow Iran to interpret it as granting the "right" to enrich uranium, constitutes the West legitimizing Iran's status as a threshold nuclear state.

Don't worry, we are assured. The sanctions relief is reversible. Nonsense. It was extraordinarily difficult to cobble together the current sanctions. It took endless years of overcoming Russian, Chinese and Indian recalcitrance, together with foot-dragging from Europeans making a pretty penny from Iran.

Once the relaxation begins, how do you reverse it? How do you reapply sanctions? There is absolutely no appetite for this among our allies. And adding back old sanctions will be denounced as a provocation that would drive Iran to a nuclear breakout – exactly as Obama is today denouncing congressional moves to increase sanctions as a deal-breaking provocation that might lead Iran to break off talks.

The mullahs are eager for this interim agreement with its immediate yield of political and economic relief. Once they get it, we will have removed their one incentive to conclude the only agreement that is worth anything to us – a verifiable giving up of their nuclear program.

Brilliant.

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Putting a face on a hidden problem

Ruth Marcus

Even now, 13 years later, Brian Lewis, a former Navy petty officer third class, has difficulty describing how he was raped at knifepoint by a superior officer.

Lewis, stocky in a Harley-Davidson T-shirt, with hair as close-cropped as a newly enlisted sailor's, pauses for long moments and frequently squeezes his eyes shut as he tells the story.

Lewis, now 34, was stationed aboard the submarine tender USS Frank Cable out of Guam. A more senior petty officer invited Lewis to dinner, took him to a beach at the naval station, and assaulted him.

But the attack was, in some ways, not the worst of Lewis' ordeal. A friend who found him afterward insisted that Lewis report the incident, which he did.

Then, Lewis said, "a few days later a very senior member of the chain of command informed me that I was not to pursue anything further" with criminal investigators.

"It was a very huge disappointment to know that the chain of command was going to throw me aside because my assailant was a senior person, [had an important job] and of course you can't ignore the possibility of the commanding officer and senior people making rank," Lewis said. "What commanding officer wants to have to pick up the phone, call his boss and say, 'Excuse me, I've had a sexual assault or I've had a rape aboard my ship'? That's a black mark on the officer's record."

Lewis, who said he has since learned that his attacker had assaulted at least one other sailor previously, was sent for mental health counseling, where a doctor cleared him to return to the ship, saying "it would do good to be exposed to the environment again."

That was not a good idea. "I was constantly scared. I was afraid for my life," Lewis said. "There's only so many places to run inside a 600-foot-long ship." His assailant remained on board, hard to avoid in such a contained environment.

Lewis was transferred to San Diego, where his Navy psychiatrist eventually accused Lewis of lying about the attack. He was diagnosed with borderline personality disorder and given a less-than-honorable general discharge.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has since been treating Lewis for the post-traumatic stress disorder that the Navy psychiatrist had declared a fiction. He has suffered from depression and attempted suicide several times. "Sexual assault just really takes a rip at the core of a human being, male or female," he said. "Why would I want to continue [living] when there's no justice to be had?"

Lewis' experience sounds both recognizable and unfamiliar. His description of a system that ignored claims and blamed victims is sadly common. Military commanders assert that times have changed; Lewis begs to differ.

"We've heard the same tired refrain of zero tolerance" for years, he said. Commanders, arguing against proposals such as that by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., to take such cases out of the chain of command, insist it would compromise their authority. Still, Lewis notes, "26,000 victims per year is not good military order and discipline."

But his is also the hidden face of the problem of sexual assault in the military. Women are more likely than men to be the victims in such cases. But in sheer numbers, more military men than women are targets of assault, mostly by other men.

"One of the big differences is the sense of public shame and scorn," said Lewis. "There's this perception that men aren't to be violated this way and it makes it very difficult for men to come forward and break that social taboo."

In March, Lewis became the first male victim to testify before Congress about military sexual assault; he used his testimony to thank his partner.

Lewis' sexuality, at a time when don't ask, don't tell was the law, made his situation even more difficult. "I was put in a terrible position," he said. "I was told that this is homosexual contact."

He has earned a bachelor's degree, is on the brink of a master's in paralegal studies, and is applying to law school, intending to advocate for veterans.

"I don't get much of a choice," Lewis said of his decision to go public. "If I don't talk about it, if men in general don't talk about it, we're not going to get the help that we need."

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LETTERS

Cartoon unfairly portrays conservatives

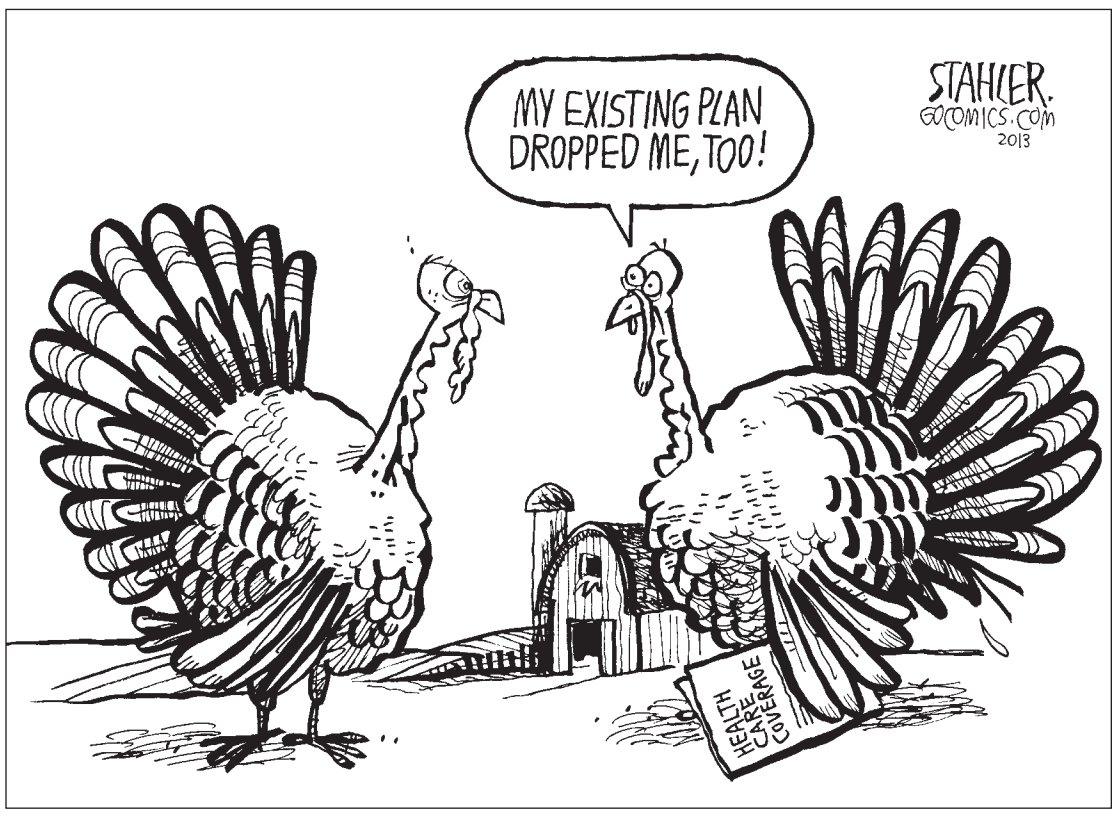
Editor,

On the opinion page Tuesday, there was a cartoon from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette showing a creepy looking Republican watching a TV report that stated there were millions of people in the Philippines without food and water. His reply to this was that Republicans don't need a typhoon to do that; they just cut food stamps.

Of course, Republicans and conservatives don't care about other people; they only care about themselves. HOWEVER, people should be aware that the recent cuts in the SNAP program are due to two things: stimulus money running out and money being taken from the program by the president to fund Michelle Obama's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Neither of these actions were done by Republicans.

Jeff Shipe
St. Joseph



Intelligent design evidence is all around us

Editor,

In Dr. Anthony Komaroff's column in the Oct. 23 paper, there was question someone asked him. It was, "How do we see?"

I have another question. How can we see if there was not an intelligent creator to make the eye fully developed all at once?

It seems to me that it is impossible for the eye to have developed through evolution over millions of years because it takes a fully developed functioning eye to be able to see. Take, for instance, something as simple as a mousetrap. All the parts must be fully developed and arranged in proper order to be able to function.

If it took animals, birds and fish millions of years to evolve, they would not have had developed functioning eyes and they would have been blind. They would not have been able to survive any more than they could in this day and age.

The eye is extremely complex, as can be seen in Dr. Komaroff's answer to the question "How do we see?"

First, he says, it begins with light that bounces off an object and enters our eyes." Then, he says, "The eye sends the picture to the brain, which processes the picture." (My question is, "How does the brain do that without a creator?")

Then Dr. Komaroff tells us about the 10 different parts of the eye:

1. The sclera, the white part that protects the eye.

2. The cornea, a window in front of the eye that helps focus light.

3. The iris, the middle of the eye. ... etc.

Dr. Komaroff then explains more about how all these parts work together, and then he says, "We only understand dimly how it works."

Now, I have another question. If the combined intelligence of 7 billion people in the world with all of our computers can only understand dimly how the eye works, how could the idea to make the eye, the idea for all the parts, and the idea of actually putting it all together and making it work all come about with absolutely no intelligence whatsoever? We know that even a mousetrap cannot be designed and made without intelligence.

Actually, I believe the eye was created, and it was by Jesus, who is God.

I believe this same Jesus created each of us as independent individual persons and gave us the greatest thing that could possibly be, and that is freedom of choice. Nothing else on Earth has that.

These are His words: "Whoever believes in Me has everlasting life." Notice the word "has." This means now and forever.

The eye is only one example of God's intelligent creation. Wherever we look we can find many more examples.

Here is something else to think about. We know that intelligence exists in the universe because we have intelligence. We cannot explain how our intelligence exists any more than we explain how God's intelligence exists. They are both mysteries.

Robert L. Wisner
Bridgman

Help from strangers saved the day

Editor,

Many thanks to the four fellows who pushed us out of the snowbank on the bridge over the highway a week ago Tuesday after the big snow. We got safely home after that.

Bill and Thelma Smith
Stevensville

Assistance from United Way group appreciated

Editor,

Thanks, United Way. On Nov. 7, a great group of people came and cleaned our eaves, a job we can no longer do.

Thanks so much.

Doyle and Shirley Roberts
St. Joseph

ANOTHER OPINION

Obama should keep his word on health insurance

It would be better to scrap the Affordable Care Act and start over on health care reform, but considering that it is President Barack Obama's most important achievement and his cooperation would be necessary, that's unlikely to happen.

At the very least, the president and Congress should make the law live up to the promises they made to the American people. The president suggested he would Thursday but didn't detail exactly how.

Democrats wonder if they are about to be bitten a second time by the president's baby. Obama rammed the law through Congress without the vote of a single Republican and without the vote of a number of Democrats.

Nothing says that even the most important law has to get a broad consensus of support. No law says it has to have the majority of the American public's support. A law, big or small, just needs the support of a congressional majority and the president's signature. But it is good politics and good statesmanship to seek broad approval.

Republicans understood that and used it to their advantage. In the wake of Obamacare's passage, voters punished the Democrats and handed over control of the House of Representatives to Republicans in 2010.

Those troublesome off-year elections – particularly troubling for the party in power of second-term presidents – are rolling around again, and the Affordable Care Act still hangs around the necks of Democrats like the Mariner's albatross. The bird smells particularly bad right now.

Republicans might have chosen the wrong vehicle for combating Obamacare when they shut down parts of the federal government. But their idea to block Obamacare isn't looking so unreasonable anymore.

The millions of unwanted policy cancellation notices are just part of the problem. Many people are facing unsustainable premium increases. Some are the result of consumers paying for coverage they don't need.

Republicans have had their moment of sullen stubbornness. Obama should pass on the opportunity to be similarly bullheaded and propose changes to the ACA that would allow people to keep their policies and give consumers some relief from their premium sticker shock. A leader ought to make good on his word.

– Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

It's good that Obama is a writer

The longer Barack Obama is our president the more grateful I am that I first met him as a fellow writer.

I may not always agree with him, but I never doubt that he's thought it through. He is, by nature, a reflective man.

Learning back in 2006 that he processes life through the time-honored practice of putting pen to paper – or fingers to keyboard – led to my trusting his character even when I disagree with his politics. It's about mindset – or, perhaps more accurately, mindfulness.

Connie Schultz

As any serious journal-keeper knows, the habit of putting words to one's experiences forges a life of reflection. I want a president who regularly contemplates the meaning of his life and his impact on the rest of us.

Our first exchange was surely a forgettable one for Obama. He had been a U.S. senator for less than two years but was already the darling of Democrats across the nation after his speech at the 2004 convention. I met him after he flew to Cincinnati in June 2006 to speak at a fundraiser for my husband, who was running for the Senate.

I had taken a leave of absence from my job as a columnist to avoid a conflict of interest and was working on my second book. Obama was working on his second book, too, and we shared the same publisher. The similarities end there, as his first book sold millions and mine was – oh, never mind.

Nevertheless, after we sat down at the table, our conversation quickly turned to writing.

He was like many serious writers I know: cryptic in his descriptions about content but eager to talk about method. He carved out time on long flights, he said, and stole a half-hour here and an hour there. We talked briefly about his first book and how the best writing, no matter the topic, is a journey in self-discovery.

I don't remember his exact words, but I left that day thinking Barack Obama was willing to do the hard work of excavating the twists and turns of his own life to make sense of where he was going. I've harked back to that conversation many times as I've watched him as president.

The tumultuous rollout of the website for the Affordable Care Act is indefensible. However, though I sometimes have questioned the president's judgment, I never have doubted his character. I do not think he lied when he assured Americans that they could keep their insurance policies if they liked them. I think he miscalculated the full impact of this historic reform, which will ultimately bring affordable health care to millions of Americans who thought they'd never see that day.

I do, however, appreciate signs of his continued thoughtfulness.

Last week, the White House released the president's 272-word reflection on President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It is written in the president's own hand, surprisingly legible.

The first 18 words reveal the loneliness of leadership.

"In the evening, when Michelle and the girls have gone to bed, I sometimes walk down the hall."

Of Lincoln, he writes, "This quintessentially self made man, fierce in his belief in honest work and the striving spirit at the heart of America, believed that it falls to each generation, collectively, to share in that toil and sacrifice.

"Through cold war and world war, through industrial revolution and technological transformation, through movements for civil rights and women's rights and workers rights and gay rights, we have. At times, social and economic changes have strained our union. But Lincoln's words give us confidence that whatever trials await us, this nation and the freedom we cherish can, and shall, prevail."

It is worth a full read at http://www.whitehouse.gov/share/gettysburg-address.

Surely, others offered their suggestions for what the president should write, but I do not doubt that the essence of this message comes from the core of the man who penned it.

He is a writer, our president.

This is his habit, putting pen to paper to make sense of this crazy world.

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The Great and Terrible O vs. geezer racists

By JOHN KASS
Chicago Tribune

President Barack Obama smiles after awarding Oprah Winfrey the Presidential Medal of Freedom in the East Room of the White House on Wednesday.

AP photo

Oprah Winfrey figures that old people marinated in racism should just die.

I'm not exaggerating. She said it the other day in an interview with the BBC to promote her film "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

"There are still generations of people, older people, who were born and bred and marinated in it, in that prejudice and racism, and they just have to die," Oprah said.

And she condemned criticism of President Barack Obama by saying that much of it is steeped in racism.

"Yeah, I think that there is a level of disrespect for the office that occurs, and that occurs in some cases and maybe even many cases because he's African-American," she told the BBC.

Granted, some criticism of the twice-elected Obama comes from racism. But it also might occur because his inept administration is failing, Americans don't believe he tells the truth, and the latest Quinnipiac poll shows his approval rating at a measly 39 percent.

What do Oprah's comments tell you?

That if you're not part of that 39 percent and you see Oprah in an alley, you'd better run.

It's not just the words she said that are so unnerving. It's how she said them: leaning forward, emoting the "just have to die" part, dramatically nodding her head while pronouncing sentence.

What's odd is, she may be right.

Old people just have to die. So let's get on with it.

The marinated dead business comes as President Obama last Wednesday awarded Oprah – and other Americans of various hues and persuasions – the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award a civilian can receive.

Former President Bill Clinton, a rather pink fellow of Southern extraction – although often called the first black president years ago by his bootlickers – received the presidential award for his humanitarian work, whatever that is.

It should be noted that he got the award just a week after he stuck it to Obama rather viciously, by fomenting a Democratic Party revolt on Obama's healthcare plan.

Once Clinton called Obama out on broken promises, congressional Democrats bolted, forcing Obama to promise he'll "fix" it.

It's a good thing for Clinton that Oprah wasn't around when he did that. She might have just snatched Clinton up like a chicken.

After what she must consider her nuanced comments about race, it's clear that the Medal of Freedom is not enough. Oprah needs a new job, and since so many must die to please her, how about this?

Czarina of the death panels.

Obama could order up a nice uniform for Oprah, something in navy with gigantic gold epaulets from a Gilbert & Sullivan musical.

You can see it now, can't you? Oprah in her Cap'n Crunch outfit, an orchestra trailing behind her piping a merry tune from "H.M.S. Pinafore," as she turns this way and that, in the manner of musical performers, deciding which Americans should die first.

And the title for Chicago's queen of talk?

The Great and Terrible O.

Now, don't start telling me there are no death panels in Obamacare. We've been through that already.

If you're for Obamacare, you'll insist there are no death panels, merely government investment decisions for the greater good based solely on quality of life and past history.

And if you're against Obamacare, by definition you're an Obama critic, meaning you're obviously irrational or even racist, so prepare to die.

Here's the thing about what Oprah said about old people marinated in their prejudices. She's absolutely right.

You can't really train them for anything, they're too set in their ways. And many find skin pigment to be of paramount importance. Some whites would vote for an illiterate white candidate over a qualified person of color.

Of course, many old black people are equally stubborn and set in their ways, and they would vote for an illiterate black candidate over a qualified pink guy.

But that is not commonly considered racism. It's called "progress."

History proves that whites and blacks have voted for skin or gender rather than cut of mind, and Latinos too. Men and women have proved it, someday gays will prove it, and all others who hold tribalism paramount.

But let's not get into a debate about what this means, and whether sanctions against tribal stupidity should be equally enforced, since we might be led into uncomfortable territory.

Let's just do what Oprah said and get rid of the geezers so Obama will feel better about himself.

It makes sense to me, except for one big problem: How do you define a racist marinade?

In her early days in Chicago, she must have done a few cooking segments. But in her later, riper, literary years, I can't recall her roasting haunches of pork, or even chickens that would require a proper marinade.

So how will the czarina of death answer the new, thorny legal questions prompted by her recent blood lust?

For example, if you like Obama personally but disagree with his policies as ruinous to the country, are you only partially marinated? Or do you suffer from over-brining, or dry rub?

And if you don't like Obama but think government should still keep on picking winners and losers based on skin pigment and gender rather than merit, are you marinated?

Or is your name Hillary?

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Single-payer nonsnse

The progressives' single-payer solution to Obamacare won't work any better than the president's delay of policy cancellations, but there are some ideas that should be pursued.

As Americans left and right were losing insurance policies because of the Affordable Care Act, some progressives reiterated a plan that would make things worse. In imitation of a slew of European and other countries, they want the United States to adopt a so-called single-payer system in which insurance companies go hang and the government funds all of health care.

Jay Ambrose

It's not that they dislike all of the Obama health law or even that they are entirely wrong about some of the problems we've had in health care delivery. They are right that our health costs are too high and that we've long needed to insure people struggling without success to get insurance for both bodily and financial self-protection. It's still gibberish that micromanaging, all-controlling, hubristic Obamacare or single-payer models in Europe and elsewhere are the solution.

While Obamacare pluses exist, the minuses we have seen so far are nothing compared to what we will very likely see in lost jobs, spiraling premiums for the non-subsidized, governmental overspending, fewer doctors, crippled hospitals and millions still without insurance at the end of the day. And, not so incidentally, none of this was set right by the president's illegal pretense of supposedly doing something meaningful about insurance policy cancellations.

His pledge was that insurance companies can forget Obamacare standards for a year so that people might keep their old policies. Excuse me, but he is obliged under the Constitution to execute the laws, not rewrite them solo. It is true that presidents are given flexibility in putting them into effect, but there was three years preparation for this and a temporary delay likely creates more problems than it solves, assuming it truly creates a delay. What we have here is pure politics to prevent Congress from substantive reshaping of Obama's pride and joy and a further dangerous step into executive branch autocracy.

The single-payer alternative for one and all is also more razzle-dazzle than realistic remedy. Experts from various think tanks have shown it actually can have such bad effects as reducing the quality of care. Among their points is that it leads to long waits for care, often affecting the elderly most of all. One critic argues it only saves money through rationing Americans would not like a bit, and large majorities in some countries with single-payer systems don't like the extensive controls much, either, as polls show. That's one reason many of those countries have been allowing far more private insurance and care than in the past.

Of course, if you don't do the rationing, you have runaway costs with single-payer systems. Our own federal Medicare and Medicaid programs are already in deep trouble, and, without reform, will be unsustainable over the long run. Make Obamacare essentially another version of Medicare (or even leave it alone) and there might be no ark that can save us from the flood of red ink of the sort now drowning so many European welfare states.

Many progressives note we Americans have shorter lives on average than in those welfare states, but that's more likely because of accidents, homicides, lifestyles and genetic inheritance than anything having to do with health care. One expert notes that 90 percent of U.S. adults report themselves as healthy, which is higher than in any other country in the world, and when you look at such a major matter as treating cancer, you find no one does it better.

I am not saying all is rosy or that it is enough for Republicans to just keep kicking the Democratic deed of Obamacare. They need to focus on such possible answers as vouchers for catastrophic coverage, health savings accounts, curbing malpractice suits on a state level, encouraging imitation of some first-class clinics and promoting interstate health insurance competition. And, if they get a chance, they need to address such matters one small, prudent step at a time, not with a leap into a vast unknown that then reveals itself with unending pain.

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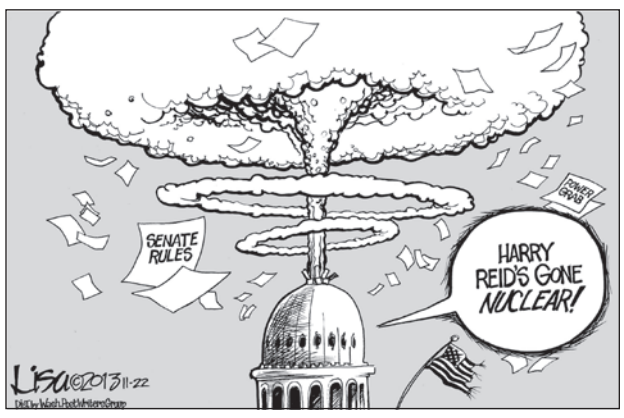

ANOTHER OPINION

Senate dysfunction brings 'nuclear option'

Senate Democrats went nuclear Thursday. They blew up a long-standing Senate rule that allowed the minority party to use filibusters to block most presidential appointments.

While Democrats and Republicans have each threatened over the years to make that most significant procedural change in a generation, the issue exploded this week when Republicans filibustered three of President Barack Obama's nominees to the prominent appeals court in Washington. Democrats had used the same tactic to block many of George W. Bush's nominations.

The problem is filibuster abuse. The obstructionist tactic had become so routine in the last decade that the 60-vote supermajority needed to end a filibuster in the 100-member Senate had become the bar for getting almost anything done. The result in the bitterly partisan Senate has been gridlock. Yesterday's historic change was a pragmatic response to that intolerable situation. It could come back to bite Democrats when they're in the minority. Still, the Senate has to function.

Under the new rule, it will take just 51 votes, rather than 60, to confirm judicial and executive branch nominees. That rule doesn't apply to bills or Supreme Court nominees. Those can still be filibustered.

It has traditionally taken 67 votes to alter a Senate rule. Majority Leader Harry Reid used procedural maneuvers to skirt that requirement so only 51 votes were needed to restrict the filibuster. He got 52 votes – 50 Democrats and two independents. Circumventing the need for a supermajority was labeled the "nuclear option" because it signaled the potential to obliterate any remaining comity in the Senate. Members of both parties threatened to go nuclear in the past, but some last-minute deal always allowed them to avoid the mushroom cloud. That no deal was possible this time shows the depth of Senate dysfunction. It was time to give rule by a simple majority a try.

– Newsday

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LaQuishe "Q" Wright is a social media manager for a handful of young celebrities including Channing Tatum, Jenna Dewan and Zac Efron. She advises them on what to, and not to, post to social media sites.

For Hollywood's social media managers, tweeting is a living

By AMY KAUFMAN
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — She knew they were waiting to hear from her – Channing Tatum's millions of fans.

It had been more than an hour since LaQuishe Wright had posted a photo of the actor on his Twitter account, dressed in a suit "Headed to the Zeigfield." Now she and Tatum had arrived at the "White House Down" premiere, and Wright needed to give his followers another update.

So as he began walking down the red carpet, posing for photographs and greeting reporters, she stayed close by. Glued to her iPhone, she was barely noticeable among the melee, a diminutive 38-year-old in an airy halter dress flanked by hulking bodyguards, publicists, studio handlers. But Wright was one of the most important members of Tatum's entourage that evening: his social media manager, paid to make sure his fans (8.2 million on Facebook, 5.3 million on Twitter and 2.6 million on Instagram) are aware of what he's up to on a sometimes near-hourly basis.

LaQuishe Wright
@qfromctu
Follow

If you have a great social presence, that is a 100 percent benefit. Fans are more prone to go see Channing Tatum's movie if he's telling them about it – not a studio.

As studio executives and casting directors increasingly factor in a celebrity's digital fan base, maintaining a healthy online presence has become vital for Hollywood stars. That's where Wright and a generation of her tech-savvy peers come in, helping to amplify and control the reputations of public figures via social media.

For social media buffs, it sounds like a dream job: Tweeting for a living. But Wright – whose client roster includes Zac Efron, Paul Walker, Nicholas Sparks and movie studios like Sony Pictures and 20th Century Fox – is constantly on-guard, making sure her clients sustain an appropriate tone and share the right content. She strategizes the best times to post so as to attract the most eyeballs and uses search engine optimization tricks to further maximize views. And, much to the dismay of her husband and two sons, she is always within reach of a mobile device in the event important news breaks.

"A lot of celebrities have an aversion to Twitter, and I get it – they're scheduled every four minutes of their life, and they don't want to have to worry about it," said Wright, who goes by "Q." "But if you have a great social presence, that is a 100 percent benefit. Fans are more prone to go see Channing Tatum's movie if he's telling them about it – not a studio. And Hollywood is paying attention to that now."

That's partly because any tool that tracks online sentiment about a movie is important to studios. In recent months, traditional pre-release audience surveys intended to help predict a film's box office opening have often proved to be unreliable. When one of Wright's client's projects is generating a lot of buzz online - as was the case for Tatum's "Dear John" and "Magic Mike," she clues studios in.

"As a studio, if we see a fan base

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Keep an eye out for these upcoming movies

By COLIN COVERT
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — The last six weeks of the year are stacking up as a flurry of serious Oscars bait and big-budget sequels. Here are a bunch I'm anticipating.

'Philomena'

Steve Coogan wrote and co-stars with Judi Dench in this reality-based story. Dench delivers an awards-worthy performance as Philomena Lee, an Irish woman searching for her son. The child, born out of wedlock in the 1950s, was taken from her as a toddler at a church orphanage and placed with an American family against her wishes. Coogan is Martin Sixsmith, a priggish journalist exploiting her loss for a story. Philomena is a tad daft and a bit dense, but her innate decency strikes sparks against Martin's haughty comic egotism. Rich in drama, laughs and unpredictable twists, this is the holiday movie that even a Grinch would love.

'Oldboy'

When it was announced that Spike Lee would remake Chan-wook Park's 2003 Korean cult classic, I was torn between curiosity (Lee is good in thriller territory, as "Clockers" and "Inside Man" proved) and feeling it was heresy. The story follows an ad man (Josh Brolin) kidnapped and held in solitary confinement for 15 years without a clue to his captor's identity or motives. When he's suddenly released he begins a violent quest to learn who trapped him and why. The strong cast includes Samuel L. Jackson, Elizabeth Olsen and Sharlto Copley, and the film is said to be different enough to keep fans of the blood-soaked original guessing. Lee has hinted that his version has an even darker ending, which would be something to see.

The Weinstein Company photo

Judi Dench (left) and Steve Coogan in a scene from "Philomena." The British comic and Oscar-winning actress co-star in the film, which explores the benefits and costs of faith through the true story of Philomena Lee.

'Nebraska'

Alexander Payne ("Sideways," "About Schmidt") has had lots of success with road movies. He hits the trail once more with this laconic comedy about a booze-addled retiree (Bruce Dern) convinced he's won $1 million in a magazine sweepstakes. Will Forte plays his bemused son, who drives the old man from Billings, Mont., to Lincoln, Neb., to claim his winnings. Dern picked up the best-actor prize at Cannes, and the film manages the tricky balance between low-key laughs and heartfelt drama. Payne's last, "The Descendants," earned multiple Oscar nominations, and there's every reason to expect the same for this one.

'Out of the Furnace'

Christian Bale and Casey Affleck play desperate brothers in a dying Northeastern rust-belt town. When the younger gets in over his head with a violent crime ring, his older brother picks up his hunting rifle and sets out to get him back. By the look of the trailers, writer / director Scott Cooper ("Crazy Heart") has made a raw, dark story about crime, justice, fate, redemption and family love. Uplifting? Tragic? I want to know.

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Petula Clark is back 'Downtown'

By SUSAN KING
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — After nearly seven decades in the business, several Grammys and countless hit records in the 1960s such as "Downtown" and "I Know a Place," Petula Clark believes she's "beginning to get the hang" of singing.

"I tell you what, I get more enjoyment out of it now," said Clark, who turned 81 on Nov. 15. "I am singing better now. This is just a bit of luck. I don't do anything for it. I don't warm up. I just go out and sing."

The British singer recently returned from a tour of her homeland performing her classics, as well as tunes from her new CD, "Lost in You." And she's heading for Australia next year.

Her new disc features some of Clark's own compositions, as well as a cover of "Downtown," which, she said, is "a very different take on it."

Clark also covers John Lennon's "Imagine," because, she said, she had a great rapport with the late Beatle. Clark met Lennon when he and Yoko Ono were staging a bed-in for peace at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal in 1969.

Clark was in Montreal at the time performing in concert. Because she had recorded songs in French before she hit the top of the charts in the 1960s in England and the U.S, she decided to do a bilingual concert. But the audience wasn't happy. "When I was singing in English, the French weren't pleased. When I sang in French, the English weren't pleased."

Though she didn't know Lennon, Clark thought he might have some advice on how to deal with the Montreal audiences.

"I went over to his hotel, and the concierge recognized me," she said. "I just went in, and they were sitting in bed. John was so sweet and funny and totally got the problem. He put it in perspective."

He also invited her to go into the living room and have a glass of wine.

"There were one or two people I knew and a few I didn't," she said. "There was this music going on. I didn't realize at the time they were recording. We all started singing along with the music – it was 'Give Peace a Chance.' So I just happen to be on the record. I think Timothy Leary was on it and one of the Smothers Brothers."

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‘Delivery Man’ doesn’t deliver many laughs

Is there a statute of limitations on being a man-child? Vince Vaughn, now 43, his brow wrinkled and his torso thickened with age, has his “Swingers” days far behind him. Yet in “Delivery Man,” he plays an eternal adolescent unprepared for adult responsibilities, shocked to learn that a long-ago stint as a sperm donor has made him the unwitting father of some 500 full-grown offspring.

Colin Covert

The introductory shot of his slob apartment, littered with toy soldiers, overdue bills and paper airplanes, could be amusing if it belonged to a younger man. But for a man in middle age, whose hairline is in full retreat, it’s just sad.

“Delivery Man,” a comedy in theory, is a remake of a sweet French-Canadian feature titled “Starbuck,” with the charm lost in translation. The low-key appeal of the original is replaced here by aggressive mugging, a rinky-dink “funny” score, fake uplift and an overall air of feeble banality.

Vaughn’s character, Dave Wozniak, is a truck driver for his family’s wholesale meat company. But he’s really the same immature bachelor he played in “The Internship” and “The Watch” and pretty much all the rest of his films. I think he actually wears the identical wardrobe of old T-shirts and zip-up hoodies in every role.

Disney-DreamWorks II Distribution Co. photo

Vince Vaughn stars in “Delivery Man.”

Cobie Smulders plays Vaughn’s love interest, whom he has impregnated the old-fashioned way. She rightly sees little potential in this schlub and wants to raise the child solo.

Dave promises to become a worthy parent. He learns the basics of the job through fly-by interactions with some of his many kids. He’s able to do this unrecognized because confidentiality agreements keep his identity as a fertility clinic contributor under wraps, a secret status many of his children are challenging in a class-action suit.

His best friend and semi-competent attorney Chris Pratt defends his anonymity, practicing his big summation speech at home in suit coat and undershorts. By the standards of “Delivery Man,” this is a knee-slapping laugh.

Overnight Dave becomes an inspiring father figure – the brood’s self-proclaimed “guardian angel” – with advice and hugs for every kid he encounters. So healing is his influence that he turns one daughter from a heroin addict to a career gal in a blink. Those are some powerful hugs. Cue the montage of bonding breakthroughs.

Writer/director Ken Scott is responsible for both the agreeable original “Starbuck” and this watered-down do-over. One can only wonder what loss of creative control was imposed on him for this opportunity to play in the big leagues. Let’s hope it was worth dishonoring the memory of his own film. There’s a lot more artificial here than the insemination.

‘Delivery Man’

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Starring: Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt, Cobie Smulders, Britt Robertson

Written and directed by: Ken Scott

Running time: 103 minutes

Rated: PG-13

(for thematic elements, sexual content, some drug material, brief violence and language)

TWITTER

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tweeting about our movies leading up to a release, we get excited – and often that’s the result of someone like Q helping to engage people online by giving them an inside view,” said Liz Jones, senior vice president of digital marketing at Relativity Media, which hired Wright to run the social media campaign for its February release “Safe Haven.”

Many studios have their own in-house digital teams but will hire consultants like Wright to work on specific projects. The messages she sends out are conversational in tone – encouraging fans to check out a behind-the-scenes photo or sending out good wishes on certain holidays.

Even if there’s an anodyne way to approach social media, there are plenty of Twitter holdouts – mostly high-profile stars like George Clooney, Ryan Gosling and Jennifer Lawrence who for reasons of privacy or mystery have chosen to stay out of the digital limelight. That can prove frustrating to executives like Jones, who says “it’d be a dream for all of our actors to have a big social media following.”

“Honestly, though, I do think it’s really hard for a celebrity to run all of their accounts by themselves,” she added. “The smart ones understand they need someone to help.”

That was the realization that Tatum had early on after his mother, Kay, stumbled across “Channing Tatum Unwrapped,” a fan site Wright had created.

It was 2006, and Wright was dealing with personal struggles. Her son had been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, and one day, after months of stressful doctor’s appointments, she decided to take an afternoon for herself.

She headed to a local multiplex near her home in Katy, Texas, and bought a ticket to “Step Up,” Tatum’s lighthearted dance flick. At the time, she had never heard of the then-fledgling actor. But she was taken with his performance and rushed home to scour the Internet to learn more about him.

“He had a really great spirit, and I thought, ‘What other movies is he going to be in?’” she said.

Wright had never followed Hollywood closely. After graduating from Texas A&M with a degree in computer science, she worked for an airline’s information technology department, running her own Web consultant agency on the side.

So when she was unable to find much information about Tatum online, she decided to put her Web design skills to use and founded “Channing Tatum Unwrapped.” Within a month, 30,000 visitors had visited the fan site – one of them was Tatum’s mom.

“As a mother, you’re interested in what’s being said about your son, so I started noticing her site,” recalled Kay Tatum. “She had updates and news that others didn’t, and I thought it was well done, so I mentioned it to Chan.”

Soon, Channing Tatum sent an email to Wright saying how appreciative he was of the site, even attaching a picture of himself sitting at his home computer to prove his identity. He asked if Wright’s fan page could become his official site, and two months later he invited her to the set of his movie “Fighting” to hash out the details.

“I couldn’t believe it – obviously, I could have just been a crazed fan. But he has a good gut,” Wright said. “Being on that set in New York, waiting to meet someone I’d been writing about forever. But he walked up to me and tickled me in the ribs and broke the ice right away.”

Six years after founding Tatum’s site, Wright’s passion project has turned into a full-blown business, Q Social Media, Ltd. She has five employees who mostly work remotely, reporting to her at her home base in Texas, though Wright makes at least a dozen trips to L.A. a year. For celebrity clients, her rates vary from $500 to $6,000 per month – but studios typically pony up at least double that, according to a source close to one distribution company.

MOVIES

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‘The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug’

I was not enchanted by Peter Jackson’s fourth go-round with Tolkien, but I’m hoping he’ll rediscover the magic in this chapter. With the need for expository set-up now satisfied, things should move at a faster clip as young Bilbo (Martin Freeman) and his 13 Dwarven chums finally meet the mighty, greedy dragon Smaug (voiced by the busiest actor of the year, Benedict Cumberbatch).

‘The Wolf of Wall Street’

Release-date roulette knocked this one from an expected October release to Christmas Day. I think it’s all a scheme to get us even more lathered up about the fifth collaboration between Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio. The film is a crime comedy based on the narcissistic autobiography of Jordan Belfort, a hustling junior stockbroker turned zillionaire (and then turned pauper and securities fraud convict). If the uproarious trailers haven’t made you ravenous to see this one, there’s no talking sense to you. Jonah Hill, Matthew McConaughey, Spike Jonze, Jean Dujardin, Rob Reiner. Dwarf tossing. Nutty dancing. Throwing $100 bills and cooked lobsters at FBI men. Yeah, baby!

‘The Secret Life of Walter Mitty’

Ben Stiller scored as a star/director with “Zoolander” and “Tropic Thunder.” Will he go three for three? Adapted from James Thurber’s classic short story, the film follows a timid magazine photo librarian who escapes his daily grind through grandiose daydreams. He’s drawn into a real-life adventure when a priceless negative goes missing. Here’s hoping that Stiller’s not banking on this movie to establish his credentials as a Serious Film Artist. I’d rather see a comedy. With Adam Scott, Kristen Wiig, Patton Oswalt and Shirley MacLaine.

‘Her’

An idiosyncratic indie romance from Spike Jonze, whose last feature was 2009’s “Where the Wild Things Are.” In the not-too-distant future, mustachioed lonely guy Joaquin Phoenix installs a new computer operating system and becomes infatuated with its engaging, intuitive speech interface (alluringly voiced by Scarlett Johansson). Can man and machine achieve true intimacy or is more heartbreak around the corner? Jonze’s typically cockeyed take on modern love features a bevy of talented co-stars including Amy Adams, Rooney Mara and Olivia Wilde.

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	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Funny Videos	2013 American Music Awards Musical acts are honored. (N) (L) CC					
CBS 2 3 22	:00 60 Minutes	The Amazing Race A relationship suffers.		The Good Wife "Whack-a-Mole" (N)		The Mentalist Patrick meets Red John. (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	:00 Football Night in America (N) CC	:20 NFL Football Denver Broncos at New England Patriots. (N) (L) CC					
FOX 17 28 32	The OT (N) CC	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Antiques	Carol Burnett: The Mark Twain Prize Carol Burnett receives Mark Twain Prize. (N)				Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey"	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	★★★ Get Shorty ('95, Comedy) John Travolta, Gene Hackman, Rene Russo.				News	King of Queens
MNT 50	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Glee "Bad Reputation" CC	
WCIU 26	House of Payne	Mr. Box Office (N)	Mr. Box Office	The First Family (N)	The First Family	Engagement	Engagement
WHME 46	Cooking With	The Nutrition	Jack Van Impe	Perry Stone	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Commun
WSBT 22	:00 CSI: Miami	★★ White Irish Drinkers ('10, Drama) Nick Thurston, Geoffrey Wigdor.				News	Buck McNeely
A&E	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	I Am Legend ('07)	The Walking Dead "Live Bait" CC		The Walking Dead "Dead Weight" (N)		:01 Talking Dead (N) CC	
Animal	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Finding Bigfoot (N)	
BET	5:30 Precious	★★ Little Richard ('00) Leon, Jenifer Lewis. CC					
Big Ten	Football	B1G Football Game of the Week (N)				Journey	Football
Bravo	Housewives/Atl.	The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N)		Thicker Than Water (N)		The Real Housewives of Atlanta	
Cartoon	Jingle	★★★ Stuart Little ('99) Geena Davis.				Burgers	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:15 ★★★ Tombstone ('93) CC	★ Date Movie ('06) Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell. CC				★★ The Campaign ('12) CC	
CMT	★★★ Ghostbusters	OC Choppers			Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.	Cops Rel.
CNBC	On	60 Minutes on CNBC		Supermarkets		Amer. Greed	
CNN	Special	Anthony Bourd.		Anthony Bourd.		CNN Special	
Comedy	Bill Cosby: Far	Kevin Hart: Laugh			Tosh.0	Key	South Pk
CSNC	Postgame	Women's College Volleyball			'net	Heartland Poker	
Discovery	Last Frontier	Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)		Alaska: The Last Frontier (N) CC		:01 Yukon Men "River Rising" (N)	
Disney	Sofia	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Dog	Jessie	Good	Jessie
DIY	Contrac	Bryan	Bryan	Marriage	Marriage	Contrac	Contrac
E!	Live From	Total Divas		Total Divas		Total Divas (N)	
Encore	Open Range	★★ A Knight's Tale ('01, Adventure) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy. CC				:15 ★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man	
ESPN	:00 SportsCenter (N)	BCS		MLS Soccer			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPNC	30 for 30	30 for 30 CC		30 for 30 CC		Harvard Beats	
Family	:00 ★★ Fred Claus ('07, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.				★★ Fred Claus ('07) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.		
Food	Thanksg.	Guy's Games		Restaurant Express		Chopped	
Fox News	Report	Huckabee		Fox Files		Stossel	
Fox Sports	Red Wings Live (N)	Wingspan		Bull Riding (Taped)		Coaching	Football
FX	Kung Fu Panda	★★★ Kung Fu Panda 2 ('11) Voices of Jack Black, Angelina Jolie. (P).				:02 ★★★ Kung Fu Panda 2	
G4	Tough	Wrecking	Wrecking	Wrecking	Wrecking	Soup	Soup
Golf	Golf		Central	LPGA Tour Golf			
Hallmark	Naughty or Nice	Fir Crazy ('13) Sarah Lancaster, Eric Johnson, Colin Mochrie. (P). CC				★★★ Moonlight and Mistletoe	
HBO	:00 ★ Identity Thief ('13, Comedy) Jason Bateman. CC			Boardwalk Empire ((F)) (N)		Getting On CC	School Girl
History	Pawn	Ax Men CC		Ax Men (N) CC		American Jungle (N)	
HGTV	Hunt Intl	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	House Hunters Reno	
Learning	Medium	Medium	Medium	Long Island Medium		Breaking the Faith	
Lifetime	Finding	Kristin's Christmas Past ('13) CC				Witches of East End	
MSNBC	Caught	Caught on Camera		Predator Raw		Predator Raw	
MTV	★★ The Longest Yard ('05) Adam Sandler.					Awkward.	
NFL	NFL GameDay High.		NFL GameDay High.		NFL GameDay High.		GameDay
Nick	Haunted	See Dad	Instant	Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed			
NGEO	Drugs,	Drugs, Inc. (N)		Drugs, Inc. (N)		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	Snapped: Killer	Snapped: Killer Couples CC		Snapped: Killer Couples (N) CC		Snapped A woman's life and her freedom.	
Showtime	:00 Homeland	Masters of Sex Filming the study.		Homeland Carrie and Brody reunite. (N)		Masters of Sex "Involuntary" (N)	
Spike	Rescue	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)	
Starz	:20 ★★ Evil Dead ('13, Horror) Jane Levy. CC			★★ King Arthur ('04, Historical Drama) Clive Owen, Keira Knightley. CC			
SyFy	6:25 ★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) Harrison Ford.			★★★ Troy ('04) Brad Pitt. Achilles leads Greek forces in the Trojan War. CC			
TBS	The Grinch	★★★★ The Wizard of Oz ('39) Judy Garland, Frank Morgan. CC (DVS)				:15 ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz	
TCM	Advnture-Robin	★★★ The Thrill of It All ('63) Doris Day, James Garner, Arlene Francis. CC				★★★ 36 Hours ('64) CC	
TMC	:10 ★★ Man on a Ledge ('12) Sam Worthington. CC			★★ Lawless ('12, Crime Drama) Shia LaBeouf, Tom Hardy, Jason Clarke. CC			
TNT	TimeKill	★★★ The Lincoln Lawyer ('11) CC (DVS)					Lincoln
Travel	Fried 3	Monumental		Mysteries-Museum		America Declassified	
TV Land	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
USA	:00 NCIS CC	NCIS Officer's death links to a prostitute.		NCIS "Obsession" CC		NCIS "Out of the Frying Pan ..."	
VH1	8 Mile	★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember				Saturday Night Live	
WGN-A	6:00 ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest ('06) Johnny Depp. CC				★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07) CC		

TV listings feature holiday favorites

By DIANE WERTS
Newsday

While it's true that TV has learned to play multiculti with its winter holidays – Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, winter solstice – it's still mostly Christmas that TV takes note of at year's end. That can mean the traditional religious observance, secular culture come-togetherness, or the commercial modernity of consumerist gift-giving. Christmas TV seems to embrace everyone, every show, every genre, every decade or century setting.

This year's holiday TV slate brings back Rudolph and Charlie Brown. We get seasonal music and merriment from artists new (Lady Gaga) and old (The Muppets), sometimes simultaneously. Sentiment-drenched TV movies premiere, and venerable standbys make their annual reappearance (Alastair Sim's Scrooge, Jimmy Stewart's George Bailey).

And that's just on this season's linear television channels. Turn to cable on-demand, DVD or online video, and you've got hundreds of celebratory options, anytime you want to watch. The highlights provided here are just the tip of the iceberg in this connected age, when it seems almost anything ever made might be accessible somehow.

Merry viewing!

The classics

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" – 8 p.m. Tuesday, CBS

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" – 8 p.m. Nov. 29 and 8 p.m. Dec. 24, ABC

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" – 8 p.m. Dec. 2, ABC

"It's a Wonderful Life" (1946, James Stewart) – Dec. 14 at 8 p.m., Dec. 24 at 8 p.m., NBC

"A Christmas Carol" (1951, Alastair Sim) – 10 p.m. Dec. 19, Turner Classic Movies

Animation

Friday: "Hoops & Yoyo Ruin Christmas" and "The Elf on the Shelf," 8-9 p.m., CBS; "Shrek the Halls," 8:30 p.m., ABC

Dec. 6: "Yes, Virginia" and "Frosty the Snowman," CBS

Dec. 9: "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," ABC

Dec. 16: "Prep & Landing," ABC

Dec. 21: Rankin-Bass marathon, ABC Family

Dec. 25: "Kung Fu Panda Holiday" and "Merry Madagascar," CW

Music

Nov. 28: "Lady Gaga & the Muppets Holiday Spectacular" (Elton John, RuPaul), 9:30-11 p.m., ABC

Dec. 2: "CMA Country Christmas," ABC

Dec. 4: "Christmas in Rockefeller Center," NBC

Dec. 11: "Kelly Clarkson Christmas Special," NBC

Dec. 18: "iHeartRadio Jingle Ball" (Miley Cyrus, Pitbull, Fall Out Boy), CW/11; "Michael Bubli Christmas Special," NBC

Dec. 20: "Christmas in Washington," TNT

New movies

Monday: James Brolin in "Christmas With Tucker," 8 p.m., Hallmark Movie Channel

Tuesday: WWE star The Miz in "Christmas Bounty," 7 p.m., ABC Family

Saturday: Tatyana Ali, Jordin Sparks in "Dear Secret Santa," 8 p.m., Lifetime

Dec. 1: Andy Garcia, Mary Louise Parker in "Christmas in Conway," ABC; Nicolette Sheridan in "The Christmas Spirit," Hallmark

Dec. 7: Sean Astin in "Santa Switch," Hallmark; Ashley Williams, Ashanti in "Christmas in the City," Lifetime

Dec. 8: Jennie Garth, Cameron Mathison in "Holidaze," ABC Family

Vintage movies

December on Turner Classic Movies: Dec. 8 includes "Scrooge" (1970); other holiday films most nights Dec. 15-24

Dec. 3: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," ABC Family

Dec. 16: Tim Allen's three "Santa Clause" films, ABC Family, also Dec. 21, 22, 24, 25

Dec. 24: "A Christmas Story" for 24 hours, TBS

Dec. 24: "Elf" for 24 hours, Starz

Dec. 24: "Bad Santa" for 24 hours, Starz Comedy

TV THIS WEEK

'2013 American Music Awards'

TONIGHT: Here's hoping that Miley Cyrus ditches the foam finger for her performance at the "2013 American Music Awards." The talent lineup also includes One Direction, Ke$ha, Florida Georgia Line, Justin Timberlake, Imagine Dragons and Kendrick Lamar. 8 p.m., ABC.

'Getting On'

TONIGHT: Nursing homes can be funny. Really. That's what the promising new sitcom, "Getting On," hopes to prove. Laurie Metcalfe stars as the supervisor of an extended-care facility where goofy stuff happens. 10 p.m., HBO.

'Generation Cryo'

MONDAY: And now for something different: A reality series that explores the issues faced by kids coming of age who were conceived via anonymous sperm donors, most of whom probably want to stay anonymous. 10 p.m., MTV.

'Dancing With The Stars'

TUESDAY: We've had 17 seasons of this, so you know the drill: Two hours filled with contestants busting some final moves (no twerking, please), some recapping and lots of padding. Then they'll name our winners, who have the privilege of lugging around one of the ugliest trophies known to mankind. 9 p.m., ABC.

'Saturday Night Live Thanksgiving'

WEDNESDAY: "Saturday Night Live Thanksgiving" is a collection of memorable bits tied to the holiday. Somewhere in there is a joke about how so many "SNL" sketches have, indeed, been turkeys. 9 p.m., NBC.

'Sport in America: Our Defining Stories'

THURSDAY: "Sport in America: Our Defining Stories" is a compelling documentary that explores the cultural impact of landmark athletic events. Included: The 1972 Summer Olympics and the first post-Hurricane Katrina football game at the Superdome in New Orleans. 6 p.m., HBO.

'Barbra Streisand: Back to Brooklyn'

FRIDAY: Hey, it's Barbie from the block! "Barbra Streisand: Back to Brooklyn" captures the superstar singer's first concert appearance in her native borough since her childhood. 9 p.m., PBS.

'Let It Snow'

SATURDAY: "Let It Snow" is another new holiday movie. This one is about a grinchy executive (Candace Cameron Bure) assigned to overhaul a beloved winter lodge. Our guess is that her heart will grow three sizes before this is over. 8 p.m., Hallmark Channel.

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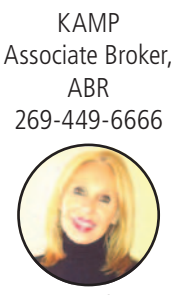
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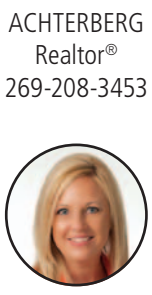
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NEW TO MARKET
$149,900

- Lakeshore Schools, 3 bdr, 2 bath ranch
- Insulated, dry walled 2 car attached garage
- Updated: windows, roof, HW floors, bath
- furnace, AC, & more. Finished basement
- Shed, koi pond. St Joseph #W-13065308

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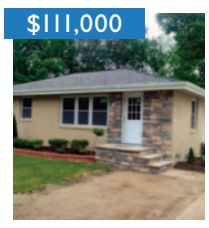
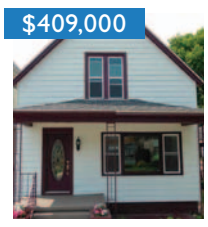
JUST BECAME AVAILABLE
$144,000

- Well kept ranch with MANY UPDATES!
- 3 bdr, 4th in bsmt, 1.5 baths. NEW
- well, windows, ac/furnace, 220 elec
- flooring, trim, appliances, doors & paint
- Partially finished bsmt, Coloma #W-13062303

NEWLY LISTED
$290,000

- Beautiful, unique home, .95 acre, wooded
- ravine lot. Updated kitchen to die for
- high end appliances, granite, wood burning FP
- 3 bdr, 2.5 baths, newer roof, a/c & furnace,elec.
- and more. Stvsl/Lakeshore Sch. #W-13065558

MARKED DOWN
$111,000

- Remodeled 3 bdr home in Village of B. Sprgs
- New electrical, plumbing, B-Dry waterproofed bsmt
- Hardwood floor, ceramic tile, granite, carpet
- cabinets, open floor plan
- Berrien Springs #R-13040554

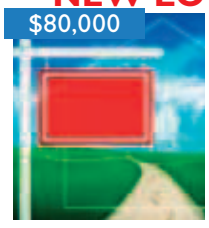
REDUCED IN PRICE
$409,000

- LESS THAN 100 FOOTSTEPS TO THE BEACH!!!
- This 3 bdr 2 bath home has new windows
- refinished HW floors, new carpet/flooring
- and freshly painted. Live yr round in it
- vacation, or rent it out.St Joseph #L-13038871

PRICE DROPPED
$284,900

- 4BDR, 2.5 Bths, Spectacular entry
- Open floor plan, chef's Kitchen
- Hugh Master suite with large walk in closet
- Bsmt ready for another bath and living space
- Stevensville #13060703

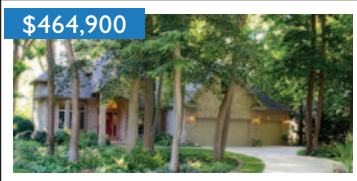
LOWERED PRICE
$92,000

- Character and charm abound in this
- great 4/5 bdr home w/updated baths
- and kitchen. Spacious inside and out!
- Fenced in back yard, landscaped
- Berrien Springs #D-13031396

VACANT LAND NEW LOWER PRICE
$80,000

- Available lot
- In Stockbridge Estates
- Cleared, buildable
- Unit 6 – 1 acre
- St Joseph #S-12052619

$795,000

- Awesome Panoramic views of Lake MI
- Unique &Updated Brick walkout Ranch
- State of the art kitchen! 3137 fin/SF
- Amazing landscaping • Multi level deck
- City of St. Joseph #O-13028382

$464,900

- Exceptional 5 bdr, 3.5 bath home
- Beautiful lg wooded, ravine lot, creek
- 3 car garage, fireplace, walkout l.lvl
- Bonus: Home Warranty included
- Stevensville #W-13053259

$129,900

- Great St. Joe Location!
- Beautiful stone fireplace
- New counter tops in kitchen/bath
- Spacious fenced back yard
- St. Joseph #T-13060441

$289,900

- The perfect gentlemen's ranch!
- 15 wooded acres, barn, pole bldg
- fenced pasture, great 4 bdr, 3 bath
- brick ranch, walk out bsmt
- Watervliet #T-13031699

$169,000

- Ranch style home, move in ready
- 3 bdr, 4th bdr in bsmt, 2 full baths
- Cathedral ceilings, deck
- Full bsmt is finished
- Stevensville #S-13046798

$175,000

- Paw Paw RIVER FRONTAGE!
- 4 bdr, 3 full baths, full bsmt
- Finished walkout lower level
- Oversized 2 car garage
- Watervliet #P-13062057

$189,000

- Charming vintage hm, modern updates!
- 4 bdr, 2.5 baths, HW floors, 2 car det.
- garage in ST JOSEPH CITY! Walk to your
- favorite spots. Beach, town, eateries and
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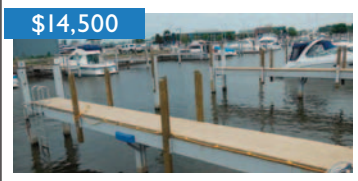
$1,900,000

- Lake MI private frontage & access
- 6 bdr, 4.5 baths, fireplace, full bsmt
- 3+ wooded acres overlook the lake
- Every room has a great view
- Benton Harbor MLS#E-13051047

$14,500

- 35' boat slip in gated assoc of
- St Joe Yacht Club. $800 yrly for
- slip, use of pool,restrm/changing area
- owner parking, dredging, elec at dock
- Deeded boat dock. St Joe #A-13036782

$189,000

- Solid brick ranch w/3bdr 2 full baths
- Large wooded lot. Close to lake MI.
- Open fl plan, large closets
- Set on 1.8 acre lot. REDUCED!
- Hagar Twp. MLS#E-13021399

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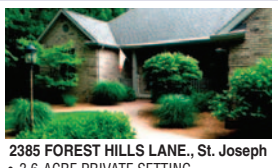
2385 FOREST HILLS LANE., St. Joseph
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2709 MORTON AVE, St. Joseph
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- IMMEDIATE POSSESSION!
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- Commercial building with lots of potential
- Includes apartments & retail space
- Great investment opportunity
- $139,000
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- IMMACULATE 4 BR HOME
- Property backs up to 20 undeveloped wooded acres
- New stainless appliances, new flooring, new A/C & more
- 4-season room; finished basement
- Beautifully landscaped, private setting
- $289,900
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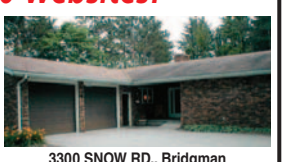
3300 SNOW RD., Bridgman
- NEARLY 6 ACRES with woods & privacy!
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- $380,000
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BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bridgman Public Schools is accepting bids for the sale of: 2003 Ford Windstar Passenger Van

Specifications and bid forms may be picked up at the Office of the Superintendent located at 9964 Gast Road, Bridgman, MI 49106 or online at www.bridgmanschools.com
Bids are due at the Office of the Superintendent at 10:00 a.m. local time on December 10, 2013.

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NOTICE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 28TH & 29TH FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND AT 8:30 A.M. TRASH PICKUP FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH WILL BE DONE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH. THERE WILL BE NO YARD DEBRIS PICKUP ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH.

Carolyn Phillips –
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the St. Joseph Charter Township Board of Trustees has set a public hearing (MCLA 141.412) date and time, to discuss the St. Joseph Charter Township 2014 Budgetary needs:

Date: Monday December 2, 2013

Place: St. Joseph Charter Township Hall
3000 Washington Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Time: 7:10 P.M.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed 2014 budget will be the subject of this hearing (PA 40, 41, & 42 of 1995).

Please take further notice that the tentative text of the above request may be examined prior to the date of the hearing during normal business hours at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall, 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph MI 49085.

SNOW REMOVAL BID

Eau Claire Public Schools is accepting snow removal bids for the 2013-2014 school year. Quotes reflecting hourly rates for each type of equipment used, as well as the cost to salt facilities, are being accepted until 3:00p.m. December 10, 2013.

Bidder must be insured and provide proof with bid.
Bidder must agree plowing snow for the school is their first priority.

Submit bids to Eau Claire Public Schools, 6190 West Main Street, Eau Claire, MI 49111. Attn: Gail Enders, Business Manager

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By BERNICE BEDE OSOL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Home and living conditions should be your focus this year. Add to your comfort and share your space with people who contribute to your happiness. Open-mindedness will lead to knowledge and skills that will encourage you to strive to acquire a better position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Money matters may limit what you can and cannot do. You are best to take care of your debts before you take on more responsibility. Don't let emotions influence negotiations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Send out your resume or set up a plan that will help you earn more money. An investment must not be allowed to limit your cash flow. Protect your interests and your possessions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep a close watch over what transpires around you. Someone will try to limit your chance to follow your dream. Let your heart lead the way and impulses take over.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Get together with old friends or colleagues. The discussions that unfold will help you make choices that will improve your financial and personal situation. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Restlessness will take over if you aren't busy. Get out of the house and do whatever makes you feel good or adds to your skills or confidence. Mingle and have fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Participate, take action and do the things that enhance your relationships with key people in your life. Refuse to let an emotional situation ruin your day. Live, love and laugh.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A change in the way you do things or the people you hang out with will give you an idea of what can be accomplished. Home improvements will be a good place to start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) With a little extra effort and physical force, you will receive recognition and good fortune. There are profits to be made, and unique contributions will boost your reputation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Walk away from trouble. You will benefit far more from doing what works for you and letting others fend for themselves. An opportunity will develop through a secret connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Attend an event that is geared toward a personal interest. Discuss plans that include travel or positive lifestyle changes. Unique offers will capture your attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Nurture and improve personal relationships. Offer help or compromise in a situation that requires keeping the peace to avoid a costly casualty. Put love first.

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1 Skye cap
4 Long yarn
8 Wide open areas?
14 Fix after an outage, as a clock
19 Genetics lab study
20 Yemen neighbor
21 Old Spanish sailing force
22 Small egg
23 Fingers
24 __ the Merciless: Flash Gordon foe
25 Tolstoy novel about game hunting?
27 Most texts
29 Informer
30 Intimidated
31 London novel about gentlemen coming to blows?
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68 Despicable
69 "What a shame!"
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76 Guy dolls
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80 Cleo's undoing
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87 One may overlook a loch
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95 More than feasts (on)
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101 Email attachment, briefly
104 Forster novel about the mysterious death of Tutenkhamen?
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113 Former president of Pakistan
114 Lozenges, e.g.
115 Steinbeck novel about a spiritual vegan?
118 "__.0": Comedy Central show
119 Bad opening?
120 Booze
121 R or X
122 Curved molding
123 Not leave, with "up"
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125 Preoccupy
126 "O, let me not be mad" speaker
127 Times in want ads

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9 Tournament kickoff, perhaps
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18 Began a round, with "off"
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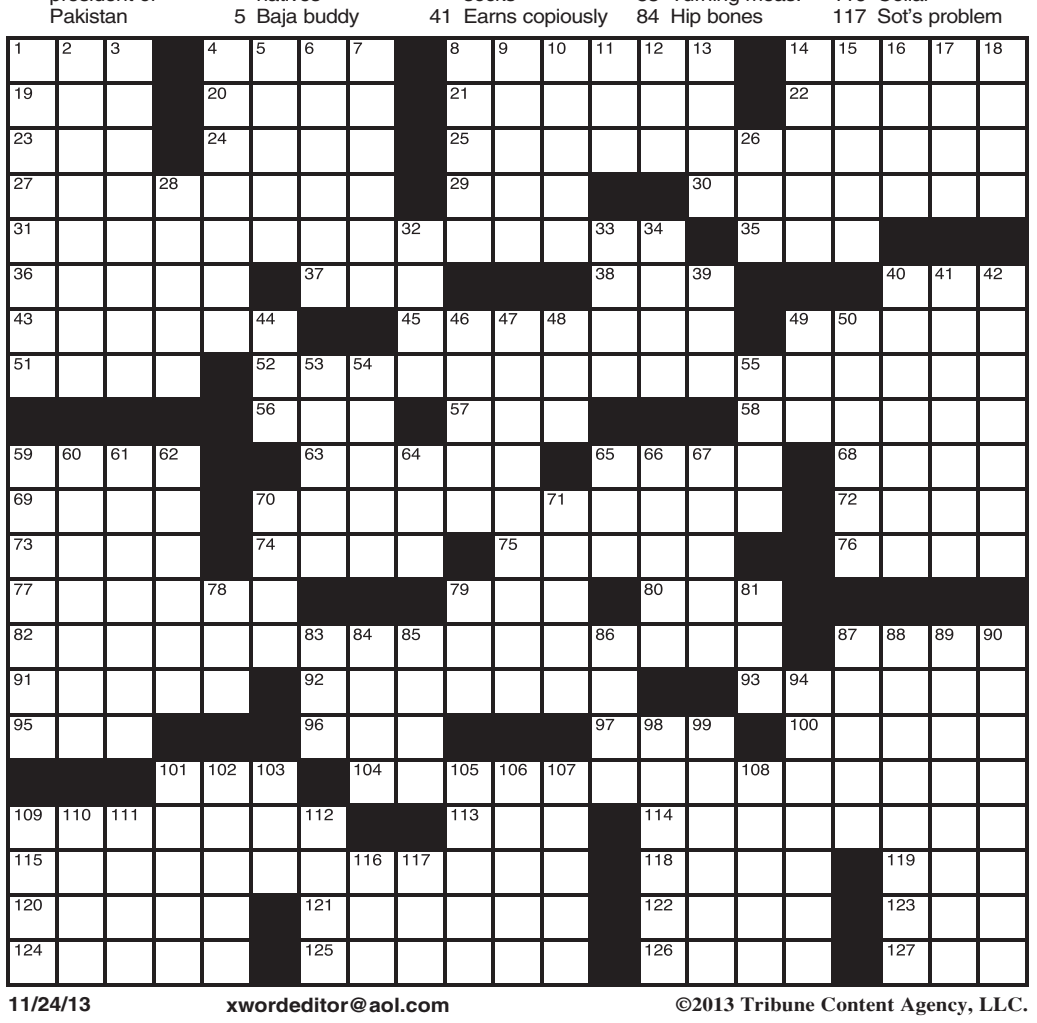

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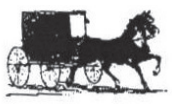
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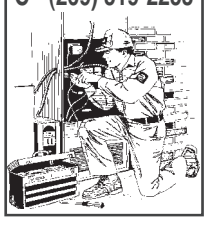

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Michigan wide receiver Adrian Arrington catches a 26-yard touchdown pass in front of Wisconsin defensive back Aaron Henry during the second half of Saturday's game. Marty Glick / AP
Another crafty QB gets U-M
Donovan, Wisconsin upset Wolverines
By CHRIS JENKINS AP Sports Writer
MADISON, Wis. — Once again, the Michigan Wolverines are reeling from an unexpected defeat.
And Wisconsin has the fleet feet of Tyler Donovan to thank for it.
Wisconsin's fifth-year senior quarterback frustrated Michigan's defense with his scrambling ability on Saturday, throwing for one touchdown and running for another in the Badgers' 37-21 upset of the 13th-ranked Wolverines.
Donovan finished the game on the sideline with a nasty welt of stripes of blue paint on
Michigan (8-3, 6-1) from the Big Ten title race or a Rose Bowl appearance, but the Wolverines have to beat the Buckeyes next week — something eyes next week — something they haven't done since 2003.
"The disappointment in this game is that you play to win. Any time you don't win, you're disappointed. We still have some things to play for."
LLOYD CARR Michigan football coach
Wisconsin 37 Michigan 21
Don Campbell / H-P staff
St. Joseph's Ethan Schweir fires a pass while under pressure from Lansing Sexton's Marquil Nelson (58) during the second half of Saturday's game.
St. Joseph comes from 21-0 deficit to beat Lansing Sexton, win Division 3 regional championship
By AL AREND H-P Sports Writer
ST. JOSEPH — Elliot Uzelac has coached at higher levels of football for 40 years, but he felt St. Joseph's come-from-behind regional championship victory Saturday over Lansing Sexton ranks right at the top.
"I think this win here, in all honesty, might be the best win I've ever had," said the emotional Bears coach, a former head coach at Western Michigan and the Naval Academy, and an assistant at Michigan. "There's so much invested in each other. The kids with us (coaches) and us with the kids. I didn't want them to go down. It was real special."
St. Joseph 42 Lansing Sexton 27
Trailing 21-0 after the first quarter, the undefeated Bears rallied for an exciting 42-27 victory, tying the school record of the 1988 state runner-up team for the most
St. Joseph's Mike Mavis (66), Josh Weaver (33) and John Schwei Sexton's Carlous Kelly during the second half of Saturday's game.
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MSU basketball hopes to make long tou
By TIM MARTIN Associated Press Writer
EAST LANSING — Tom Izzo's voice had reached midseason form, which is to say it was exceedingly hoarse, just a few days after Michigan State began preseason practices.
His practice drills are draining and demanding. His schedule remains packed yearround.
And while Izzo likes to talk about the recent past of his Spartan program, he spends even more time these days talking about its future. All are signs that the fiery Izzo remains as intense as ever as he prepares for his 13th season as Michigan State's head coach.
"I think every year, every day is a new day," Izzo said in anticipation of the 2007-08 season, which the Spartans open at home Tuesday against Chicago State. "I hope I keep approaching it that way."
The 52-year-old Izzo has built the Spartans into one of the nation's most successful and consistent programs in the past decade. Michigan State enters this season ranked No. 8 in The Associated Press poll and favored to win the Big Ten title.
The Spartans have qualified for 10 straight NCAA tournaments – the second-longest streak in Big Ten history and the fifth-longest active streak in the nation.
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Al Goldis / AP
Michigan State coach Tom Izzo is shown during an exhibition basketball game against Grand Valley State on Nov. 2.
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They give star spangled performances
"O say, can you see ..." The singer stands there in front of the crowd, all alone, microphone in hand, and starts to sing with no musical accompaniment.
The singing of this country's national anthem takes place all over the country at the beginning of most large gatherings. Who are these singers?
Seven singers from Southwest Michigan talked to me recently about their experiences singing the "Star Spangled Banner" this season for the South Bend Silverhawks Minor League Baseball Team at Coveleski Stadium.
Several of them read about the opportunity to audition in The Herald-Palladium. Most of them were concerned about the possibility of an echo from the sound system but were happy to report that didn't happen. All of the ones I talked to enjoyed the experience and would do it again.
Meg Simpson of St. Joseph, a graduate of Lakeshore High School, sang in mid-April.
"It was the day of Virginia Tech and they called for a moment of silence," she said. "I had been at work all day and I was absolutely clueless."
The singers stand just behind home plate facing the fans. She stood there and after the moment passed, she sang.
With the support of her friends and family, she arrived early, went through the offices and basement through a hallway leading to home plate.
"I chilled there for a little while – and then stood out at the end of the gate. They told me where to stand and where to face."
She gets very nervous before she sings. "I get really sick, but once I start singing, I'm completely fine."
It was one of those cold April days.
"It was freezing," she said. "The cold can affect singers' voices, so I keep something wrapped around my throat. I'm accustomed to keeping my voice healthy."
Even though it was so cold, people came up to her afterward and took the time to talk to her, telling her how good she was and asking how long she has been studying music. One person said "Wow, you are really good."
"It was great fun," she said. "I would do it again in a heartbeat."
Singing comes naturally to Simpson. "I was singing before I could talk," she said.
Simpson has been studying music since she was in the
Arts Notes San Dee Wallace
Contributed photo
MEG SIMPSON of St. Joseph sings the national anthem at a Lakeshore High School basketball game. She is one of several area residents who sang the national anthem this season for the South Bend Silverhawks.
Art for the fun of it
HARRY BORGMAN of Sawyer shows off one of his comic book cover parodies (more are seen below) at the Box Factory in St. Joseph. A show of Borgman's work will be on display at the Box Factory from July 6 to Aug. 6.
Photos by Don Campbell / H-P staff
Artist parodies comic book covers in Box Factory exhibit
If you go
WHAT: "Comics as Art," an exhibit by Harry Borgman of Sawyer. Also a summer exhibit by members of the Berrien Artist Guild
WHEN: Friday through Aug. 6 with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays
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BUSINESS PEOPLE
Abonmarche adds four to its staff
By LOUISE WREGE H-P Correspondent
Abonmarche in Benton Harbor has hired four people and promoted another. The company offers engineering, architectural, marina/waterfront design, surveying, landscape architectural and planning services.
Rick Smigielski is senior project engineer, responsible for the design of municipal infrastructure projects. He also aids in the preparation of utility/street grants and state and federal permits. Smigielski worked for Abonmarche at its South Bend office from 1997 to 2004, then was director of public services in Buchanan.
SMIGIELSKI
David Horne is a project manager for the marina/waterfront division. He is responsible for the design and construction administration of marina projects, which includes management of bathymetric surveying and preparation of state and federal grant applications and permits. (Bathymetry is the science of measuring the depths of bodies of water.)
HORNE
Horne was an engineer and site manager for five years for Great Lakes Dredge and Dock, where he was responsible for dredging and beach nourishment projects throughout the United States and the Middle East.
Nathan Flickner rejoins Abonmarche as a survey crew chief. He worked for the company at its South Bend office from 1999 to 2005, then was a construction field manager for Hallmark Homes in Anderson, Ind. He is responsible for all aspects of land surveying, with a focus on construction staking.
FLICKNER
Kris Kearney was named marketing coordinator for the company's four offices. She is responsible for developing and implementing corporate marketing strategies, creating print and Web advertising and assisting with the preparation of grants and proposals. For the past six years, she was owner/operator of CME Solutions, which provided communications, marketing and event management services. She has experience in the development of marketing materials, primarily for the construction industry.
KEARNEY
Jennifer Jacobs has been promoted to administrative assistant. She is responsible for assisting in the development of marketing materials and maintaining databases related
JACOBS
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The Italian connection
Fennville company rules the U.S. market on delicious gelato
By KRISTIN HAY H-P Correspondent
FENNVILLE — Order gelato – Italian ice cream – at a restaurant anywhere in the United States and there's a chance it was made in Fennville.
The Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto plant in that Allegan County community supplies about 2,000 restaurants and cafes nationwide, including some in Southwest Michigan, according to Pete Palazzolo, the company's chief executive officer.
The business evolved from Palazzolo's Italian Specialties, a restaurant that Pete Palazzolo and his mother, Marie, operated in Saugatuck before they founded Palazzolo's Gelato and Sorbetto in 1986.
Pete Palazzolo, 38, was involved in the restaurant from the beginning. He used to wait on tables at age 15. "My mom treated me like a partner," he said. "My opinion counted." Marie Palazzolo now is manager of the company's retail division.
Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato and Sorbetto operated in Saugatuck until it moved to an existing industrial building in Fennville in May.
"We are the only artisan gelato factory in the U.S. and possibly the world," Pete Palazzolo said.
"Artisan" means the company makes the products from raw ingredients with no artificial flavors, he explained. There are other gelato factories in the United States, but they use additives. Many businesses make gelato in Italy, but usually in small batches, he said.
Palazzolo explained a key difference between gelato and the ice cream that is typically sold in grocery stores and ice cream shops in the United States is the air content.
The company strives to have no more than 20 percent air in its products, made possible by specialized equipment, leaving a denser, creamier ice cream. With less air, Palazzolo's doesn't have to use a high butterfat cream. Regular ice creams can have an air content of 80 percent or more.
One finds surprises in a scoop of gelato, such as shavings of dark rich Swiss or Venezuelan chocolate, bits of Tahitian vanilla bean or pieces of zingy coffee beans.
The company makes 600 flavors of gelato and sorbetto. The gelato is made with fresh cream and sometimes eggs, and the sorbetto (in French cuisine, called sorbet), with a blend of fruit and fruit juices. Each batch is made to order.
Some of the more exotic flavors are Coconut Pineapple Rum, Champagne Pomegranate and Honey Lavender.
Palazzolo's produces more than 50 chocolate flavors made with chocolate from Mexico, Venezuela and the Netherlands. The company make more than a dozen coffee flavors and sorbetto with fresh fruits ranging from apples to kiwi.
Pete Palazzolo began to build the business after he graduated from Aquinas College in 1991 with a degree in business.
The demand for gelato and sorbetto grew so much that he and his mother decided to wholesale their products to area restaurants, where they found a niche, especially in fine dining restaurants. Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato and Sorbetto has 15 full-time employees.
"We are trying to do things differently," Palazzolo said. "We are an intimate family business."
In the late 1990s, the business expanded in a new direction. There was an explosion of coffee shops, opening up a new opportunity for the business. The Palazzolos discovered that gelato and cappuccino go well together, so six years ago, they began selling gelato cases, café bars and counters of all kinds to food establishments.
Palazzolo works on the designs with a team of designers in Tuscany, Italy, where the cases, bars and counters are manufactured. He is the only representative of the Italian company in the United States
What is gelato?
Gelato is Italian ice cream that is denser that most U.S. ice creams because no air is whipped into it during processing. It also uses cream with less butterfat than most U.S. ice creams.
A tub of creamy gelato, produced by Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto in Fennville. Palazzolo's photos
Pete Palazzolo, chief executive officer of Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto in Fennville, holds a tub of gelato produced by his company.
On the Net: www.4gelato.com
On the production line at Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto are gelato chef Scott Moore (wearing cap) and general manager Zack Zerfas, who has worked for the company for 14 years. Zerfas is CEO Pete Palazzolo's brother-in-law.
Rising price of helium affects party retailers
By JULIA GLICK The Press-Enterprise (Riverside, Ca.)
Customers don't believe balloon-seller Darlene Jaycocks when she tells them she cannot accept last-minute birthday party orders because of a global helium shortage.
But Jaycocks counts herself lucky.
Shortfalls in world production and rising demand for the gas – which is used in welding, manufacturing microchips and in hospital MRI machines – have left other balloon suppliers without any helium at all.
Businesses that can get the helium are paying sky-high prices.
"There is just not enough helium to supply everywhere," said Jaycocks, owner of Balloony Tunes Party Center in Cathedral City, Calif. "I don't think people really understand. ... They just think it's out there floating around."
"Demand for helium is ballooning."
HANS STUART U.S. Bureau of Land Management
While abundant in the universe, the lighter-than-air gas is a limited natural resource on earth, generally found trapped in natural-gas deposits underground. Helium extractors recover it from natural-gas fields that in the United States are mostly found in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.
An array of industrial uses of helium, such as cooling MRI magnets or manufacturing semiconductors, lasers and telecommunication cables are driving up global demand. Meanwhile, supply is stagnant, said Hans Stuart of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, one of the world's largest suppliers of crude helium to private refineries.
"Demand for helium is ballooning," said Stuart, chief of external affairs for the bureau's New Mexico office. "A number of plants in the private sector are not up to full capacity. And there is also the issue of where do we get new helium. What is going to happen in the future?"
Mark Hinds and his son own Sparks Custom Shop in Pomona, Calif. They weld engine heads and cylinder blocks for race cars, and use about 300 cubic feet of helium a week to prevent the metal from warping.
The price Hinds pays for helium has jumped almost 60 percent in the past two years and customers complain, he said. "The price just keeps going up," he said. "It is hard to keep up."
But for balloon sellers, who are at the bottom of the helium food chain, shortage means that the smallest interruption or glitch on the supply side can leave them without any helium at all, Stuart said.
Matt McKinney, past-president of the International Balloon Association, is vice president of marketing for Santa Ana, Calif.-based All-American Balloon Supply, which wholesales helium to about 900 party stores and balloon artists.
While All-American is meeting its customers' needs, other smaller helium suppliers face restrictions, he said. Some simply cannot make all their deliveries to party stores and other clients, he said.
Jaycocks now charges $1.25 for an 11-inch helium balloon, which sold at her store for 95 cents about a year ago.
Customers sometimes grumble, she said. Still, her main concern is that she could one day run out of helium altogether. She cannot get rush orders of the gas anymore, she said. A few times, her regular shipments came late
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Is honda un-'Fit' to park in garage?

Dear Tom and Ray: I have a 2007 Honda Fit. A couple of years ago, I got a recall notice that said there was a defect in a part in the door and that the Fit might catch fire because of it. A fix was in the works, but Honda suggested that Fit owners not park their vehicles inside the garage until after the part was replaced. Interestingly, the fires were caused by water getting into the door when it rains ... outdoors ... where Honda wanted us to park our Fits. Ignoring the fact that the fires are caused by rain, I parked my Fit outside until I got the warranty work done to fix the problem. Last week, I got another letter from Honda stating (ahem) that the first fix didn't work quite as planned, and that a new fix will be rolled out soon. In the meantime, they suggested that 2007 Fit owners not park their vehicles in the garage, since they might catch fire. They said to park them outside, where, presumably, the rain can get in and cause them to ... catch fire. My question is, even after this second fix for the same issue, should I ever park this vehicle inside my garage again, ever? What if the second fix doesn't work either? Just sign me ... Nervous

Ray & Tom Magliozzi
Click & Clack

Tom: Yeah, that is a conundrum, isn't it? Honda did, in fact, recall some 140,000 2007 and 2008 Fits because water, or a spilled Starbucks Venti Frappuccino, could get inside the door when the window is open, work its way down and corrode the master window switch.

Ray: Window motors require a lot of electricity in order to lift that heavy piece of glass ... and do it in less time than, say, it takes my brother to get to work in the morning (which usually doesn't happen 'til around noon). And since that master switch controls all of the car's window motors, there's a ton of juice coming into it. So if the switch corrodes and shorts out, it could potentially lead to an unplanned and unwanted marshmallow roast.

Tom: When Honda first recalled the cars for this problem, they fixed it by putting some plastic material around the master switch, which they then sealed up with tape. What they discovered later was that the tape wasn't doing the job and could still let water in, leading to corrosion and the above-mentioned marshmallows.

Ray: So now they've decided to just replace the switch itself with an upgraded and redesigned switch – presumably the one they started using after 2008, about which we know of no complaints.

Tom: Of course, they didn't have 140,000 of these new switches on the shelf, so what they want to do is inspect your Fit and look for signs of corrosion on your switch. If they see any, they'll replace the switch right away. But if there's no sign of corrosion, they'll ask you to wait until they can make more switches, which probably will be a matter of months.

Ray: So until you get the new switch, your Fit is still technically vulnerable to this corrosion and fire syndrome. So if they ask you to wait, I would continue parking the car outside.

Tom: Yeah, I definitely would not park it in your garage, Nervous, unless three other conditions exist: (1) The garage is detached from your house, (2) you have replacement cost insurance coverage on it, and (3) you've been wanting to redo the garage anyway.

Ray: Actually, Honda says that rain or other liquids can get inside the door only when the window is open. So your car should not get any worse if it's parked outside with the windows rolled up.

Tom: But if the switch has begun to corrode, obviously you don't want to risk parking it in a structure that's attached to where people sleep.

Ray: And I wouldn't leave any priceless Renaissance paintings in the car until you get it fixed, either. Good luck, Nervous.

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Peeling back the new Escalade

And tales of Tesla

Photo provided by GM Media

The current Escalade luxury SUV has made GM a lot of money. The third-generation Escalade, now eight years old, will be replaced with an all-new model for 2015. Both the base and ESV (long wheelbase) models remain in the line up and they will have all of the technology and safety features expected in a high-price SUV.

Dar Davis

There's good news for those seeking a new look Cadillac Escalade.

After an almost eight-year run, the current edition of the luxury SUV will be replaced in the first or second quarter of 2014.

Cadillac introduced the media to a preview of the all-new, fourth-generation SUV back in October. The new Escalade will be based on the same body as the recently introduced Chevy Suburban and Tahoe and the GMC Yukon and Yukon XL. All of the vehicles will again be built in a Texas factory.

Cadillac's flagship SUV has all-new exterior styling but the changes are only evolutionary. They will still be instantly recognizable. The big changes are the "luxurious handcrafted interior elements" (Cadillac's words) and advanced technology.

The interior is a beautiful sight to behold, as Cadillac has used its cut-and-sew interior craftsmanship technique to create elegant surfacing of the instrument panel and door panels.

According to Bob Ferguson, senior vice president, Global Cadillac, "The 2015 Escalade is completely new and elevated in design and technology, inside and out. The clear objective is to once again assume the leadership position among luxury SUVs."

I had some doubts whether GM and Cadillac would go to the trouble of developing a new Escalade because sales for large luxury SUVs have slowed in recent years and its smaller SRX crossover is selling very well.

Apparently the healthy profit margin on these truck-based vehicles ($10,000 and higher) convinced the decision-makers to continue offering the vehicle, on sale since 1999.

As in past years, a 6.2L, V-8 engine will be offered, as well as the option of having either 2WD and 4WD drivetrains. The new Escalade will be offered in both the "base" model and the extended-length ESV edition. The last generation's EXT model, similar to the now departed Chevy's Avalanche, has been discontinued.

Technology features like Cadillac's advanced system for connectivity and control, CUE, will be offered, as well as front and rear automatic braking, front seat center-mounted air bag, forward collision alert, lane departure warning system and automatic safety belt tightening, to mention just a few.

It appears that readers in the market for a full-size luxury SUV have an attractive new toy to consider when it's time to replace Old Betsy.

$6 billion loss

Warren Buffet, the Oracle of Omaha and billionaire investor, and I don't have too much in common. In fact, I seldom check the figures in my modest nest egg in the stock market to see how it's doing. So it's really hard for me to wrap my brain about how a tiny, upstart automaker like Tesla Motors can lose as much as it did in one day on the stock market a few weeks back.

Readers may recall reading in the newspaper of Tesla's $6 billion, one-day loss in stock value just because one of company's all-electric Tesla Model S sedans caught fire in Seattle.

Someone videotaped the vehicle fire and posted it on the Internet. Within minutes, apparently, the owners of Tesla stock (probably Mr. Buffet if he owns Tesla stock) decided to sell and – puff – say good-bye to 6 percent of Tesla stock value. Tesla share prices dropped $12.05 to $180.95 on the day of the event.

Just this year alone, Tesla Motors' stock value has grown 400 percent. It obviously didn't hurt the automaker's reputation with investors when this year the Tesla Model S received one of the highest ratings ever by Consumers Report, got a top crash-test score from NHTSA and won Car of the Year from Motor Trend and Automobile Magazine.

I guess in this "new economy" the value of a company is not based on its physical assets and having a broad product portfolio, but rather on what is your company's future potential. Apparently that is all good, but if you sell an all-electric car, don't let one catch on fire and certainly don't let someone with a smart phone record the incident.

Unfortunately for Tesla creator Elon Musk, two more Model S cars have been destroyed by fire – all apparently because of drivers striking something large enough to penetrate the car's receptacle for the batteries.

I don't get how an automaker that has built only 20,000 cars to date, and uses only one factory to build one nameplate can be worth more than, say, the Chrysler Group. Please don't write me with an explanation. My eyes will just glaze over.

How's Lincoln?

Much has been written about Ford Motor Co. and its recent success in the competitive auto marketplace. Thanks to CEO Alan Mulally's One Ford plan, the company has made remarkable progress in dumping so-called legacy costs and filling the pipeline with great vehicles that people actually want to buy, and huge rebates and other incentives aren't needed to move the metal.

While Ford models like the mid-sized Fusion, compact crossover Escape and full-size truck F-150 are selling like gangbusters, there is one annoying fly in the ointment at the Glass House headquarters in Dearborn.

The company's luxury brand, Lincoln, is not in a good place.

Sales have stopped falling and have steadied this year, thanks to the all-new Fusion-based MKZ, but the 96-year old division still has not found its groove.

Despite a major advertising push and promoting the "new" Lincoln Motor Company (it's original name), luxury buyers are not flocking to dealerships. This is not a good place to be in today's highly competitive luxury car market.

Only once in my memory has Lincoln lead the luxury segment in sales. It happened in 1998 when Lincoln caught the industry by surprise and offered the F-150-based Navigator SUV.

The truck (a Lincoln truck!) sold briskly and its immediate success forced all of the luxury brands to follow suit.

That was 15 years ago and it's been all downhill since.

Lincoln must follow the template being followed by GM's beleaguered Cadillac and put together a long-term strategy for new product. It will take a huge chunk of money (billions, not millions) and, as Cadillac is proving all too clearly, it doesn't automatically lead to immediate success.

Fellow luxury makers BMW, Mercedes, Audi and Lexus now have a head start. Making matters even more complicated for Lincoln (and Cadillac) is the new luxury entries from upstarts Hyundai and Kia.

Here's hoping that Lincoln manages to put together a string of hit vehicles and can regain its sales strength it once held back in the 1970s and 1980s. I'd hate to see another domestic brand call it quits.

Hey, Lincoln, bring back a 4-door, V-8 powered, RWD Town Car that reminds me of the 1961 Lincoln Continental. I think you would find quite a few buyers with that offering.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Nissan's Versa Note: Versatile and thrifty

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For The Associated Press

Nissan's small Versa hatchback, renamed the Versa Note for 2014, is a low-priced, high-utility car with an attractive, fresh exterior, notable fuel economy and a surprisingly roomy back seat that accommodates even 6-foot adults.

The five-seat Versa Note also offers high-tech features not found in other hatchbacks, such as an all-around-view camera system that lets the driver see what is nearby the car on all four sides.

Drivers will appreciate that the Note with its 109-horsepower, four-cylinder engine is rated by the federal government at 31 miles per gallon in city driving and 40 mpg on the highway. This top rating is for Notes equipped with a fuel-thrifty continuously variable transmission (CVT).

Unfortunately, though, the Versa Note's engine power is lower than many competitors'.

And while the Note is a new version of Nissan's Versa line, the Note's safety rating in frontal crash testing by the federal government isn't any better than the three out of five stars that the longer-running Versa sedan received.

Standard safety features on all Notes include frontal, side and curtain air bags, antilock brakes and electronic stability control.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of $14,800 for a base, 2014 Note is lower than many competitors'. As an example, the base, 2013 Honda Fit hatchback has a starting retail price of $16,215.

But be aware that the base Versa Note S comes with five-speed, manual transmission that produced a lower government fuel mileage rating of 27/36 mpg. The base Note also has manual, roll-down windows and a steering wheel that tilts but does not telescope.

For Note buyers to get the fuel-saving CVT, which comes along with automatic grille shutter that closes when needed to improve aerodynamics and fuel mileage, they must move up to the Versa Note S Plus, with a starting retail price of $16,050.

The Note's 1.6-liter, double overhead cam four cylinder was lackluster during acceleration and seemed to work hard during highway merges. Torque peaks at 107 foot-pounds at 4,400 rpm. The Note's commendable fuel economy ratings are not far-fetched. In mostly city driving, the tester averaged 30 mpg, just 1 mpg off from the federal government number.

2014 Nissan Versa Note SV

BASE PRICE: $13,990 for S; $15,240 for S Plus; $15,990 for SV.
PRICE AS TESTED: $20,370.
TYPE: Front-engine, front-wheel drive, five-passenger, compact hatchback.
ENGINE: 1.6-liter, double overhead cam, four cylinder with CVTC.
MILEAGE: 31 mpg (city), 40 mpg (highway).
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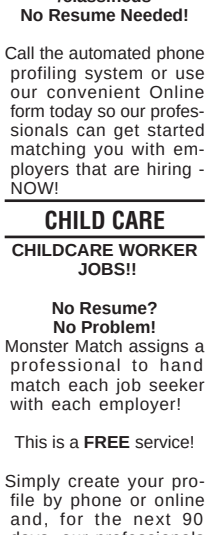

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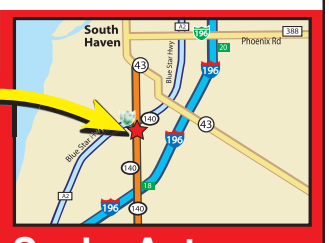

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Sterling, 2.0L EFI DOHC, ECVT Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Only 9K Miles, Balance of Factory Warranty, F3-809A

WAS $28,500
NOW $25,950

2011 FORD FUSION SEL

Ingot Silver, 3.0L EFI OHC, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Tilt, Cruise, Power Moonroof/Seats/Locks/Windows/Mirrors, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Navigation, 35K Miles, Homelink/SYNC, Ford Certified! U3-206

WAS $19,995
NOW $17,500

2009 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

Grey, 4.7L EFI V8, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, ABS, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, 37K Miles, Navigation, Remote start, Chrysler Certified! U3-212

WAS $26,995
NOW $24,700

2010 MERCURY MOUTAINEER LUXURY 4X4

Ebony, 4.0L EFI SOHC, Auto, Leather, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Running Boards, Power Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Air, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, 31K Miles, SYNC, Ford Certified, U3-207

WAS $23,995
NOW $22,500

2011 CHEVY TAHOE 4X4

Black, 5.3L EFI, V8, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, Power Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Air, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Balance of Factory Warranty, C3-375A

WAS $32,995
NOW $31,500

2011 GMC TERRAIN SLE

Blue, 2.4L EFI ECOTECH, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AM/FM/LCD, Keyless Entry, Balance of Factory Warranty, F4-071A

WAS $20,995
NOW $19,500

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD 4X4

Grey, 3.6L EFI, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Navigation, Remote Start, HOMELINK, Chrysler Certified, C4-048A

WAS $35,995
NOW$33,350

2010 GMC ACADIA SLT ALL WHEEL DRIVE

Silver, 3.6L EFI WT, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, DVD Entertainment System, Remote Start, Balance of Factory Warranty, C4-058A

WAS $29,995
NOW $27,500

2009 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

Blue, 4.7 EFI V8, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, ABAS, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Navigation, 33K Miles, HomeLink, Remote Start, Chrysler Certified C4-057A

WAS $27,995
NOW $25,850

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

Black, 5.7 EFI, V8, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, tilt, Air, Cruise, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, HOMELINK, Chrysler Certified C4-052A

WAS $35,995
NOW $32,950

2010 CADILLAC SRX LUXURY

Red, 3.0L EFI WT, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AC, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, 23K, Remote Start, HOMELINK, Balance of Factory Warranty! C4-069A

WAS $27,950
NOW $25,500

2011 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4

Mineral Grey, 5.7L EFI Hemi V8, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Air, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Navigation, Balance of Factory Warranty F3-820A

WAS $36,995
NOW $35,500

2012 FORD EDGE SEL

Mineral Grey, 3.5L EFI DOHC, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Tilt, Cruise, Power Windows/Moonroof/Seats/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, 21 K, Navigation, SYNC, Balance of Factory Warranty! F3-830A

WAS $27,995
NOW $26,500

2012 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 4X4

Red, 3.0L EFI OHC, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Seats/Locks/Windows/Mirrors, Tilt, Luggage Rack, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, 17K, SYNC/HOMELINK, Ford Certified! U3-217 WAS $26,995

WAS $26,995
NOW $25,750

2008 BUICK LUCERNE CXL

Maroon, 3.8L EFI, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, HomeLink, Car Smart Certified U3-219A

WAS $14,995
NOW $13,750

2011 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LIMITED

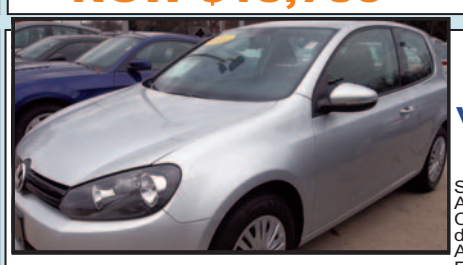
Bright Silver, 3.6L EFI, Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Cruise, Power Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, DVD, Remote Start, Navigation, Chrysler Certified! C4-093A

WAS $28,500
NOW $27,800

2012 FORD ESCAPE LIMITED 4X4

Steel Blue, 2.5L EFI DOHC, Auto, Aluminum Wheels, Tilt, Cruise, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, SYNC/HomeLink, Ford Certified! U3-226

WAS $24,995
NOW $23,850



2011 VOLKWAGEN GOLF

Silver, 2.5L EFI, Auto, ABS, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, AM/Fm/CD, Keyless Entry, 36K Miles, Balance of Factory Warranty! F4-102A

WAS $14,995
NOW $13,450

2012 FORD FOCUS SE

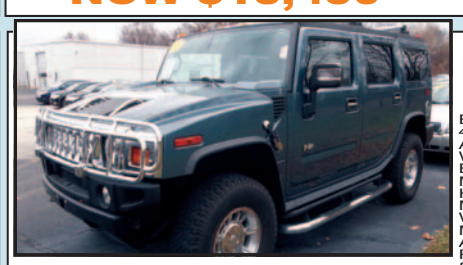
Ebony, 2.0L EFI TIVCT, Auto, Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Tilt, Air, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Ford Certified! U3-222

WAS $16,995
NOW $15,525

2010 FORD FUSION HYBRID

Tuxedo Black, 2.5L EFI, CVT Auto, ABS, Aluminum Wheels, Power Moonroof/Seats/Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Cruise, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Navigation/SYNC, Car Smart Certified F4-079A

WAS $16,995
NOW $15,690



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WAS $28,995
NOW $26,750

2011 JEEP PATRIOT SPORT

Bright Silver, 2.0L EFI DOHC, CVT, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Power Window/Locks/Mirrors, AM/FM/CD, Keyless Entry, Fog Lights, Chrysler Certified, U3-224

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Black Friday Bonus Cash.....-$500

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MSRP.....$27,675
LeValley Discount.....-$1150
Rebate.....-$500
Loyalty/Competitive Lease.....-$500

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STK#CH3175

MSRP.....$22,135
LeValley Discount.....-$900
Rebate.....-$2500
Loyalty/Competitive Lease.....-$500
Black Friday Bonus Cash.....-$500

PURCHASE $17,735 FOR $229 mo* OR **Lease a 2014 for $169mo****

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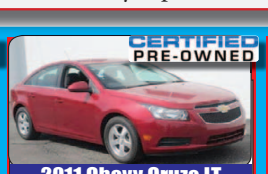

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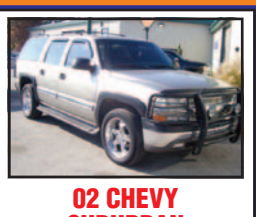

02 CHEVY SUBURBAN

JUST IN!! LEATHER, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, DVD

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2013 MAZDA 6

JUST IN!! IMMACULATE WITH LOW MILES

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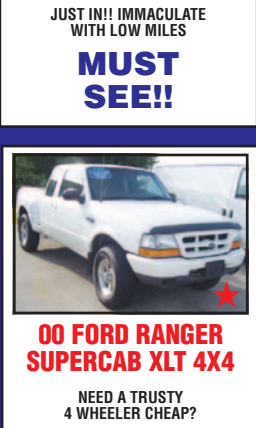

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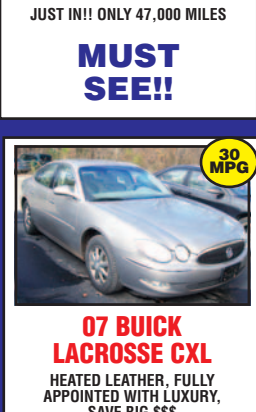

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07 BUICK LACROSSE CXL

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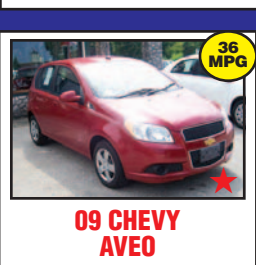

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06 CHEVY SILVERADO EX-CAB LS

JUST IN!! FULLY SERVICED, READY TO GO!!

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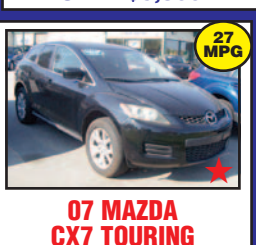

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07 MAZDA CX7 TOURING

POWER ROOF, ALLOYS AND ALL THE TOYS

ZERO DOWN $198/mo

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12 MAZDA 3

JUST IN!! LIKE NEW WITH LOW MILES, FULL POWER OPTIONS

ZERO DOWN $215/mo

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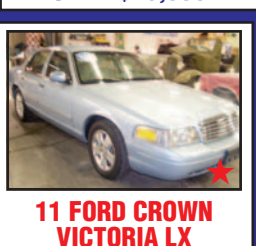

11 FORD CROWN VICTORIA LX

JUST IN!! LEATHER, LOADED, LOW MILES

ZERO DOWN $217/mo

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13 DODGE AVENGER

JUST IN!! ALLOYS AND ALL THE TOYS... SAVE THOUSANDS!

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13 CHEVY SONIC LT

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2012 NISSAN SENTRA SL

JUST IN!! NAV., ROOF, SPOILER, LOW MILES!!

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07 CHRYSLER 300 C

JUST IN!! EVERY OPTION WITH SUPER LOW MILES

ZERO DOWN $219/mo

SALE $15,700

36 MPG

13 TOYOTA COROLLA LE

LIKE NEW FOR LIESS

ZERO DOWN $219/mo

SALE $15,700

13 KIA OPTIMA

JUST IN!! SHOWROOM NEW WITH LOW MILES

ZERO DOWN $239/mo

SALE $16,345

32 MPG

12 NISSAN ALTIMA S

SHOWROOM NEW WITH A SPOILER AND MORE FOR LESS

ZERO DOWN $239/mo

SALE $16,389

30 MPG

10 NISSAN ROUGUE

IT'S CUDDLY!!

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13 CHEVY IMPALA LT

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ZERO DOWN $259/mo

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10 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT AWD

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ZERO DOWN $259/mo

SALE $17,700

09 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED

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08 LINCOLN MLZ AWD

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10 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING

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13 DODGE CHARGER SXT

SPOILER PACKAGE, LOW MILES, BLACK ON BLACK

ZERO DOWN $298/mo

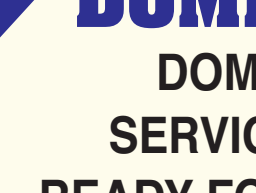
SALE $19,800

13 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

JUST IN!! SHOWROOM NEW WITH OUT PAYING FOR THE SHOWROOM

ZERO DOWN $298/mo

SALE $19,800

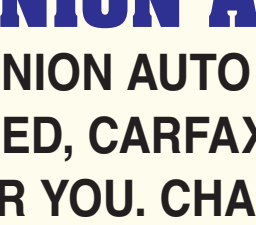


11 CHEVY CAMARO 2LT

HEATED LEATHER, POWER ROOF, R.S. PACKAGE... MINT!!

ZERO DOWN $298/mo

SALE $19,800

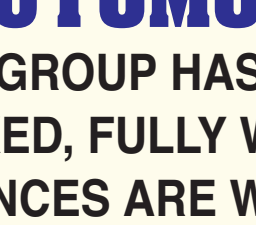


06 MERCEDES E-CLASS

MINT CONDITION

ZERO DOWN $333/mo

SALE $17,800

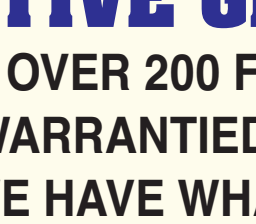


13 NISSAN PATHFINDER SV

JUST IN!! LIKE NEW JUST $10K LESS

ZERO DOWN $364/mo

SALE $24,900



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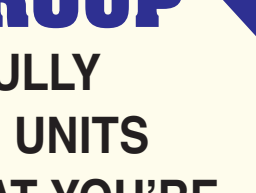

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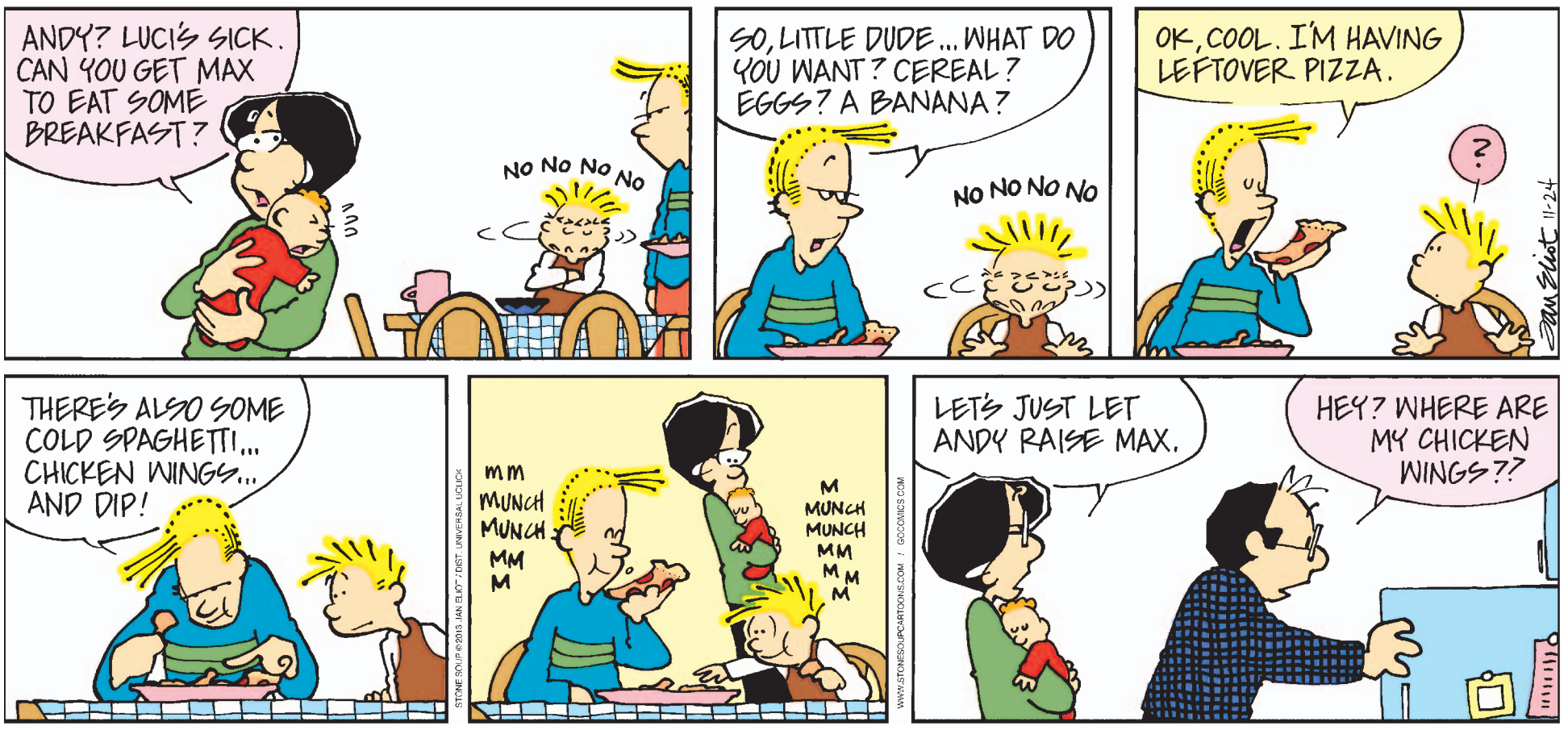
Stone Soup

By Jan Eliot


ANDY? LUCI'S SICK. CAN YOU GET MAX TO EAT SOME BREAKFAST?
NO NO NO NO
SO, LITTLE DUDE... WHAT DO YOU WANT? CEREAL? EGGS? A BANANA?
NO NO NO NO
OK, COOL. I'M HAVING LEFTOVER PIZZA.
?
Jan Eliot 11-24
THERE'S ALSO SOME COLD SPAGHETTI... CHICKEN WINGS... AND DIP!
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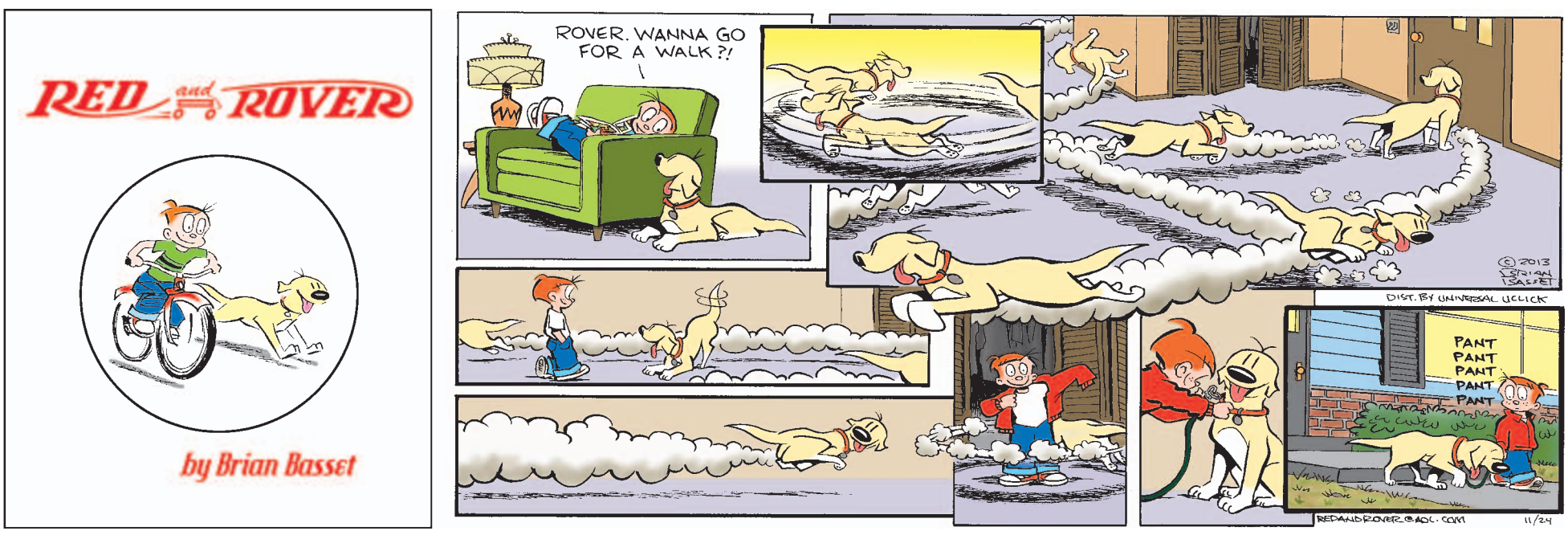
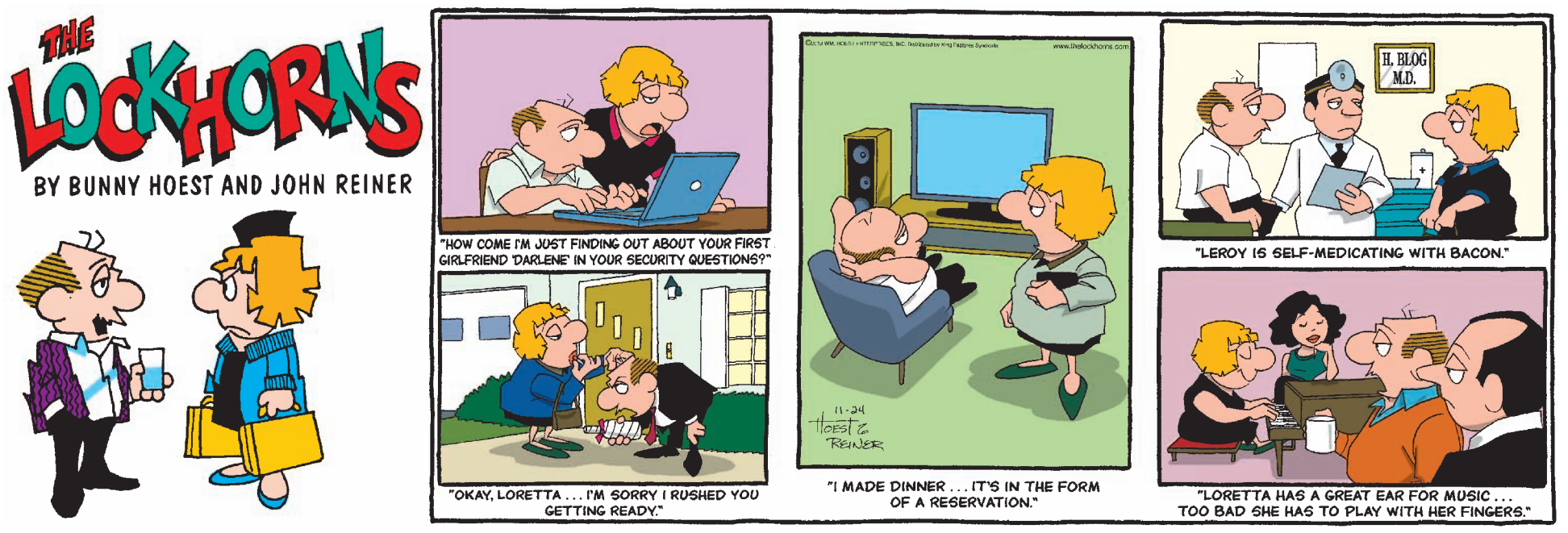
LET'S JUST LET ANDY RAISE MAX.
HEY? WHERE ARE MY CHICKEN WINGS??




THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER
"HOW COME I'M JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT YOUR FIRST GIRLFRIEND 'DARLENE' IN YOUR SECURITY QUESTIONS?"
"OKAY, LORETTA . . . I'M SORRY I RUSHED YOU GETTING READY."
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"I MADE DINNER . . . IT'S IN THE FORM OF A RESERVATION."
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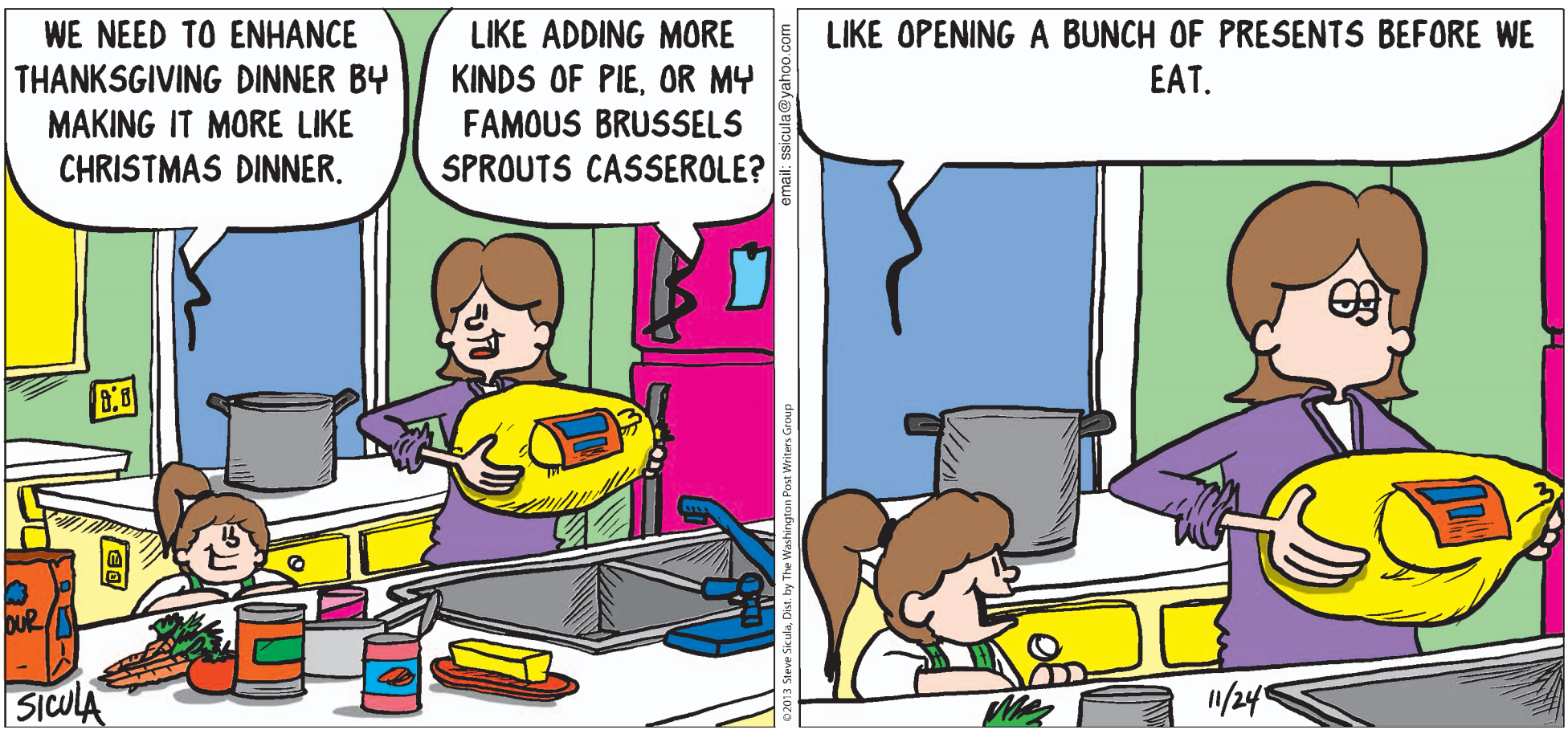
"LEROY IS SELF-MEDICATING WITH BACON."
"LORETTA HAS A GREAT EAR FOR MUSIC . . . TOO BAD SHE HAS TO PLAY WITH HER FINGERS."

Home and Away

By Steve Sicula


WE NEED TO ENHANCE THANKSGIVING DINNER BY MAKING IT MORE LIKE CHRISTMAS DINNER.
LIKE ADDING MORE KINDS OF PIE, OR MY FAMOUS BRUSSELS SPROUTS CASSEROLE?
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LIKE OPENING A BUNCH OF PRESENTS BEFORE WE EAT.
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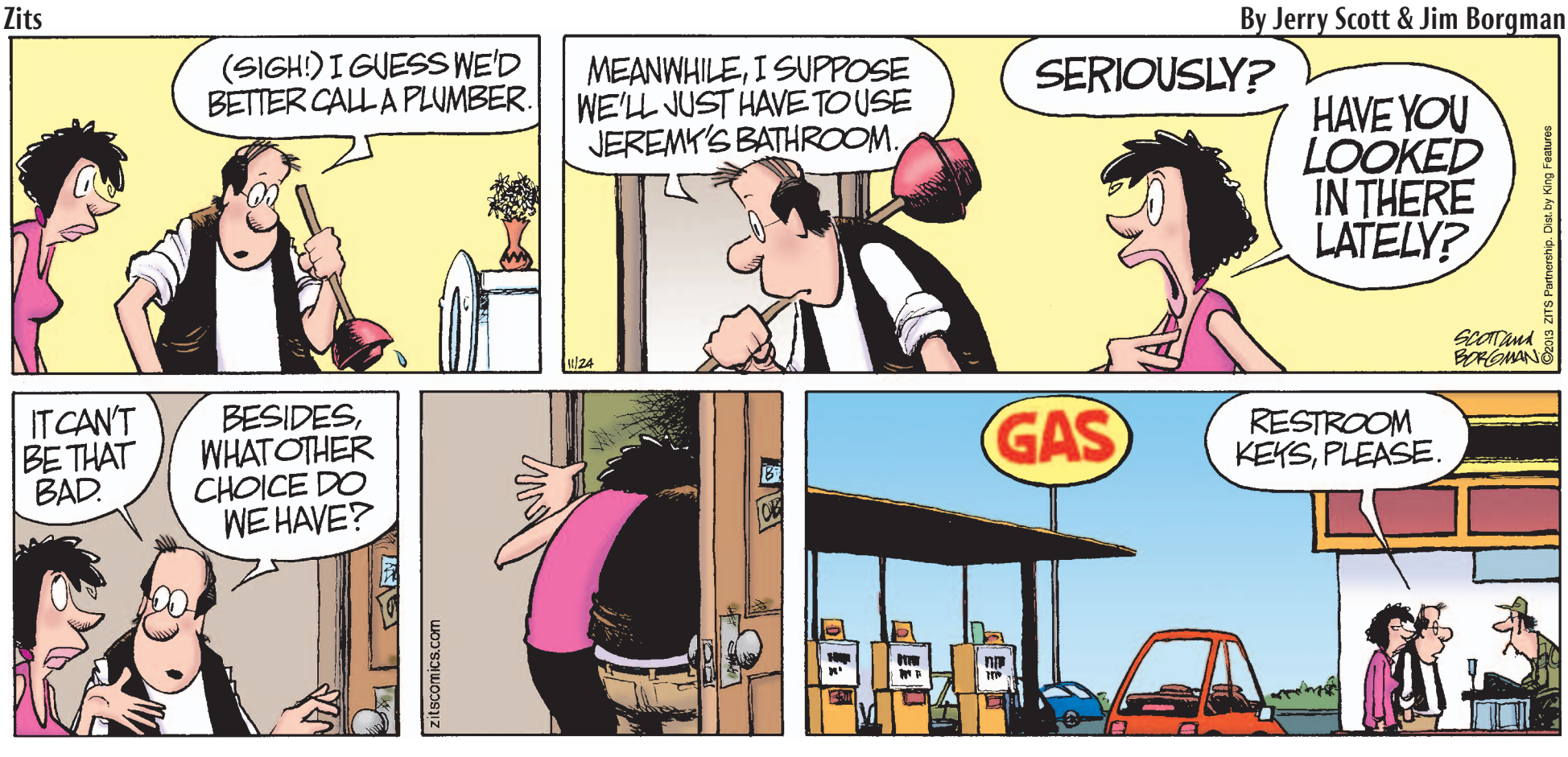
Zits

By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman


(SIGH!) I GUESS WE'D BETTER CALL A PLUMBER.
MEANWHILE, I SUPPOSE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE JEREMY'S BATHROOM.
SERIOUSLY?
HAVE YOU LOOKED IN THERE LATELY?
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IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD.
BESIDES, WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO WE HAVE?
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UNDERCOVER SANTA WILL COVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS OF ROLL-CALL.
CAPTAIN RUIZ, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!
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IT'S A WASTE OF TIME AND RESOURCES.
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HA,
I'M NOTHING LIKE "SCROOGE"
HE CHANGED HIS MIND AND BECAME A SENTIMENTAL WIMP!
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SHE'LL BE THROWING JOE OUT IN THREE... TWO...
STAND BY FOR AUDIO
GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST IS READY!
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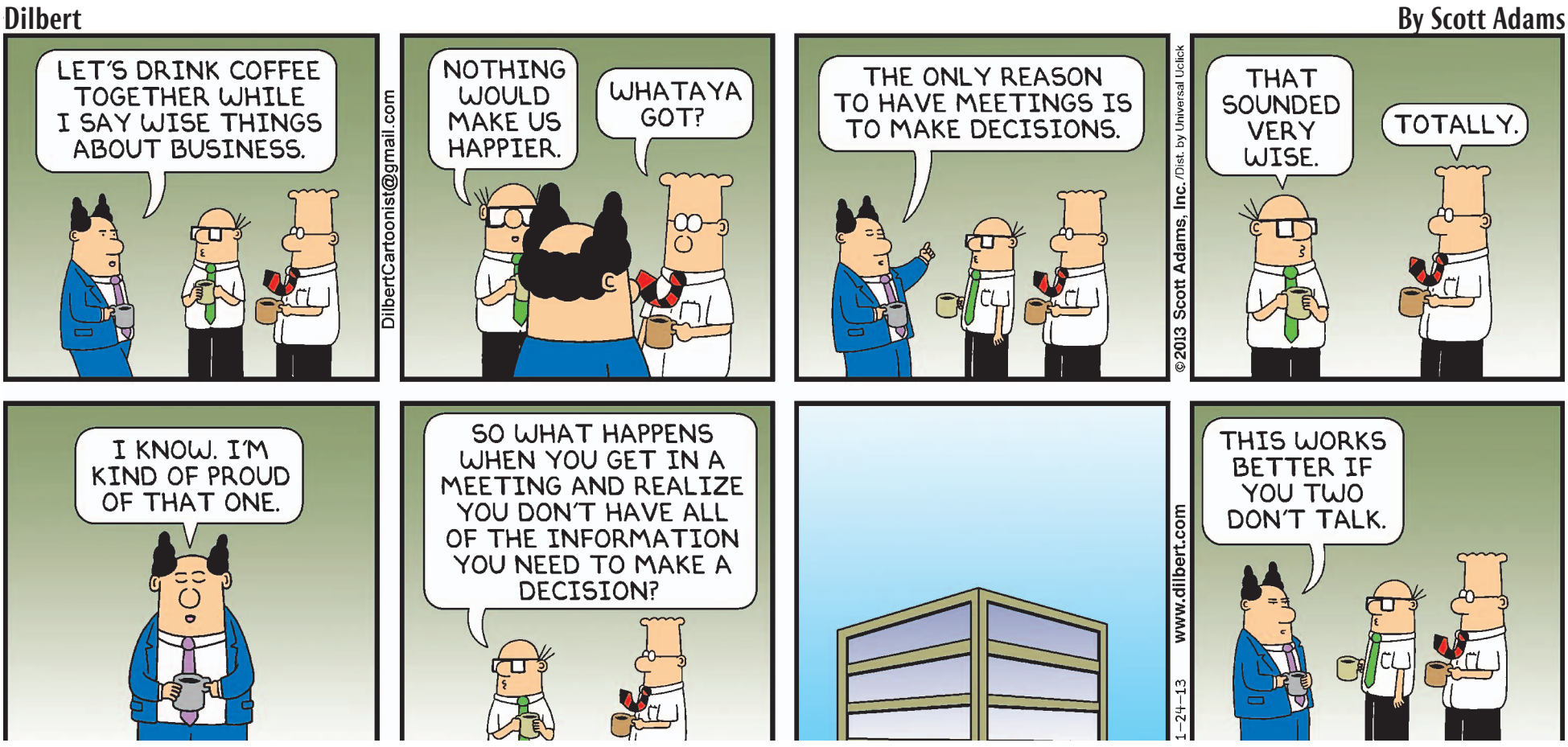
LET'S DRINK COFFEE TOGETHER WHILE I SAY WISE THINGS ABOUT BUSINESS.
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NOTHING WOULD MAKE US HAPPIER.
WHATAYA GOT?
THE ONLY REASON TO HAVE MEETINGS IS TO MAKE DECISIONS.
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THAT SOUNDED VERY WISE.
TOTALLY.
I KNOW. I'M KIND OF PROUD OF THAT ONE.
SO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET IN A MEETING AND REALIZE YOU DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO MAKE A DECISION?
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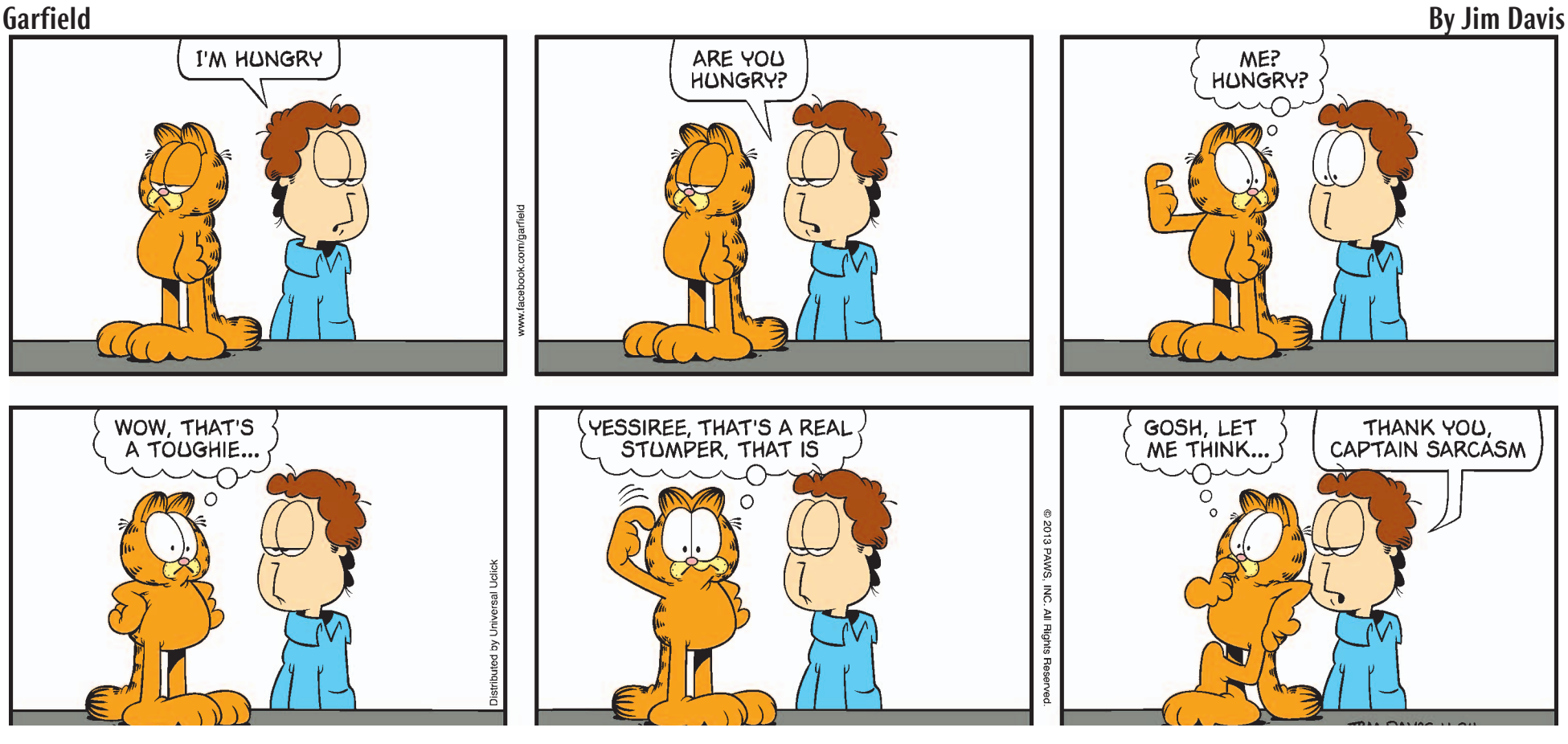
THIS WORKS BETTER IF YOU TWO DON'T TALK.

Garfield

By Jim Davis



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DON'T YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR ARM AROUND ME?
YEAH, BUT BY THE TIME I WORK MY WAY OUT OF CAMP, I CAN'T LIFT IT
PASS
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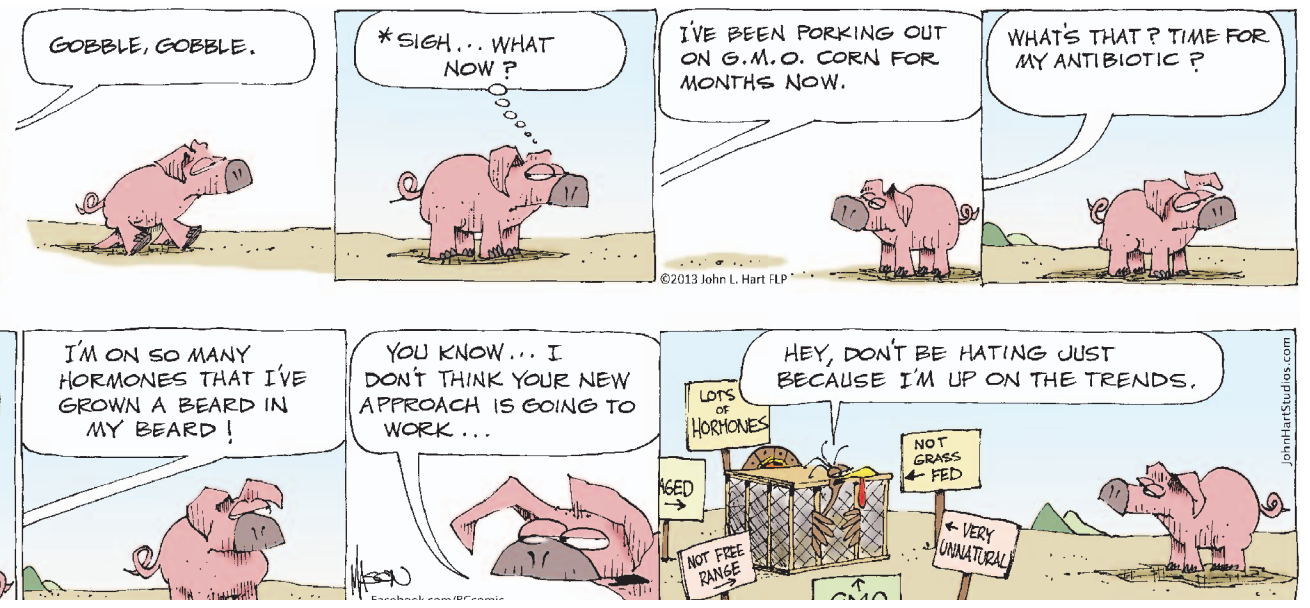
BY MASTROIANNI AND HART


GOBBLE, GOBBLE.
*SIGH... WHAT NOW?
I'VE BEEN PORKING OUT ON G.M.O. CORN FOR MONTHS NOW.
WHAT'S THAT? TIME FOR MY ANTIBIOTIC?
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CAGE FREE? NOT THIS GUY!
1x1 FOOT CELL? ... CAN'T EVEN STAND UP.
I'M ON SO MANY HORMONES THAT I'VE GROWN A BEARD IN MY BEARD!
YOU KNOW... I DON'T THINK YOUR NEW APPROACH IS GOING TO WORK...
HEY, DON'T BE HATING JUST BECAUSE I'M UP ON THE TRENDS.
LOTS OF HORMONES
NOT GRASS FED
VERY UNNATURAL
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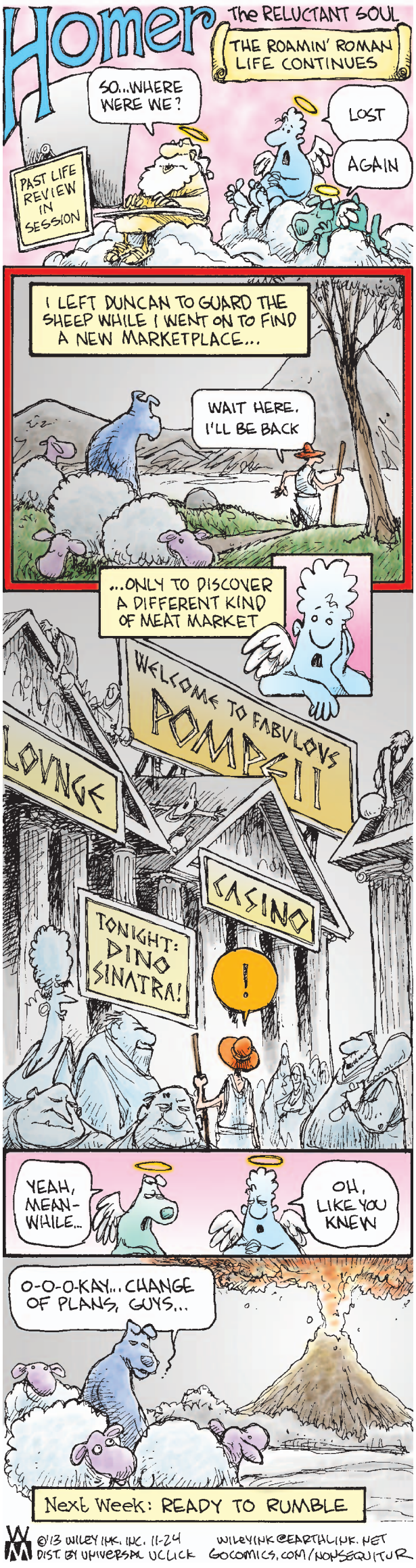
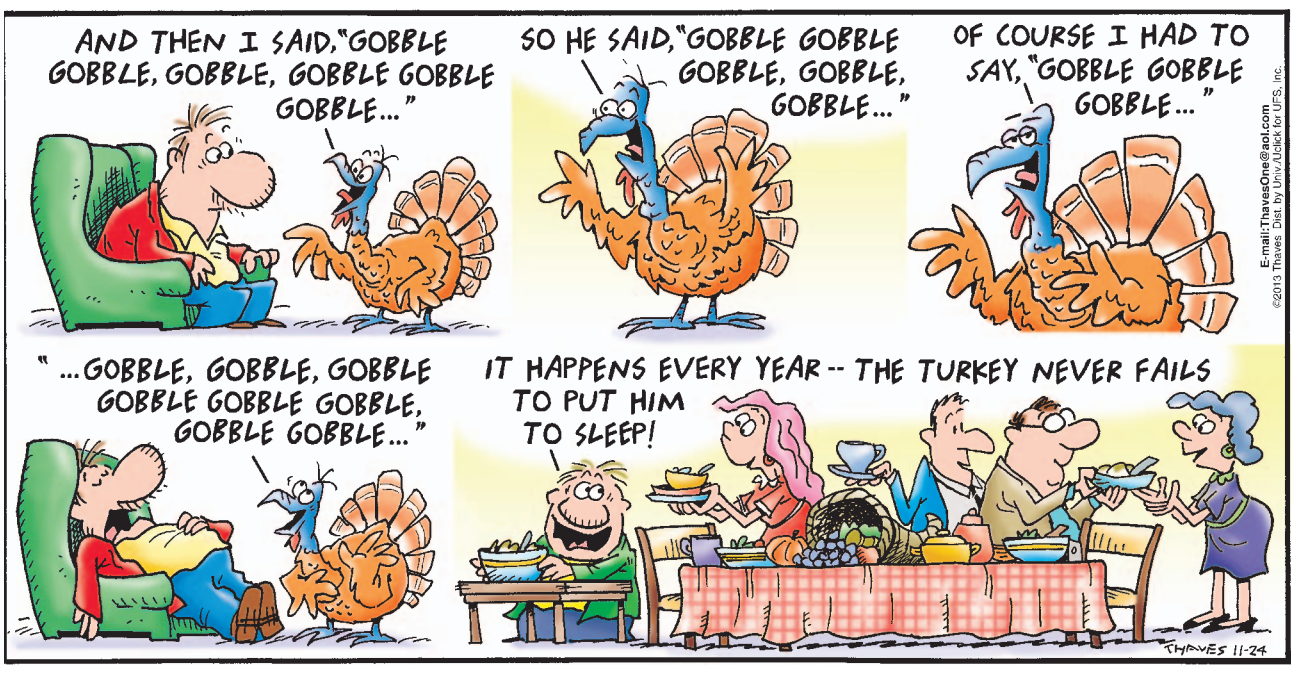


Frank & Ernest — By Bob Thaves


AND THEN I SAID, "GOBBLE GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE..."
SO HE SAID, "GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE..."
OF COURSE I HAD TO SAY, "GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE..."
"...GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE, GOBBLE GOBBLE..."
IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR -- THE TURKEY NEVER FAILS TO PUT HIM TO SLEEP!
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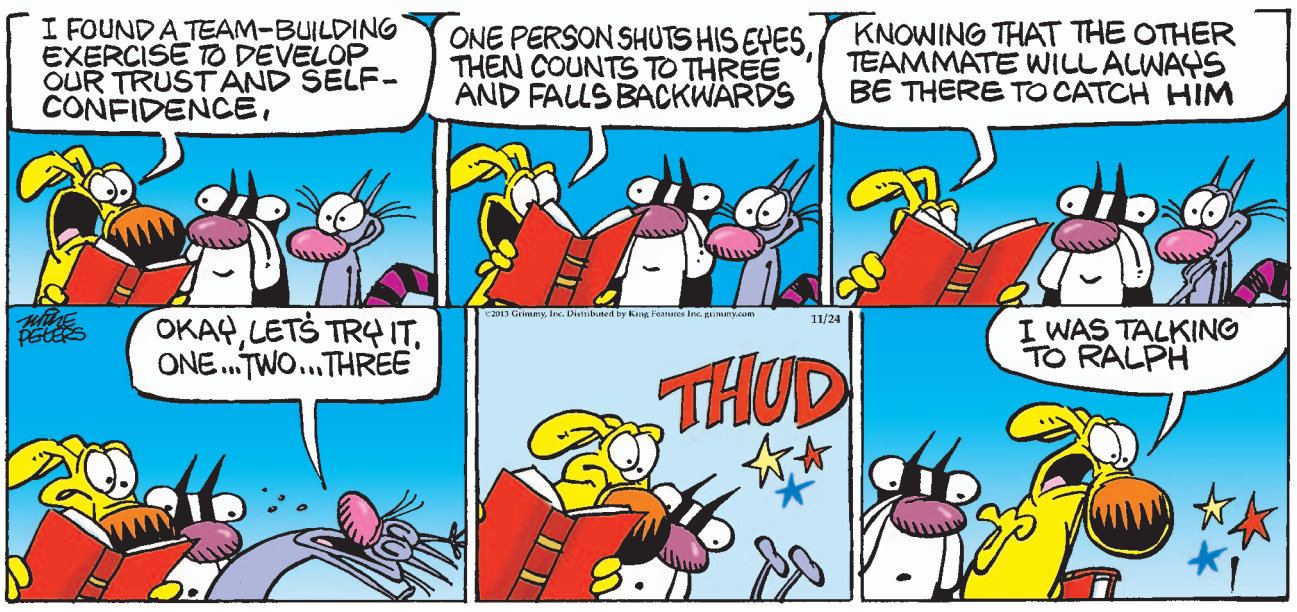
Mother Goose & Grimm — By Mike Peters


I FOUND A TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISE TO DEVELOP OUR TRUST AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.
ONE PERSON SHUTS HIS EYES, THEN COUNTS TO THREE AND FALLS BACKWARDS
KNOWING THAT THE OTHER TEAMMATE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO CATCH HIM
OKAY, LET'S TRY IT. ONE...TWO...THREE
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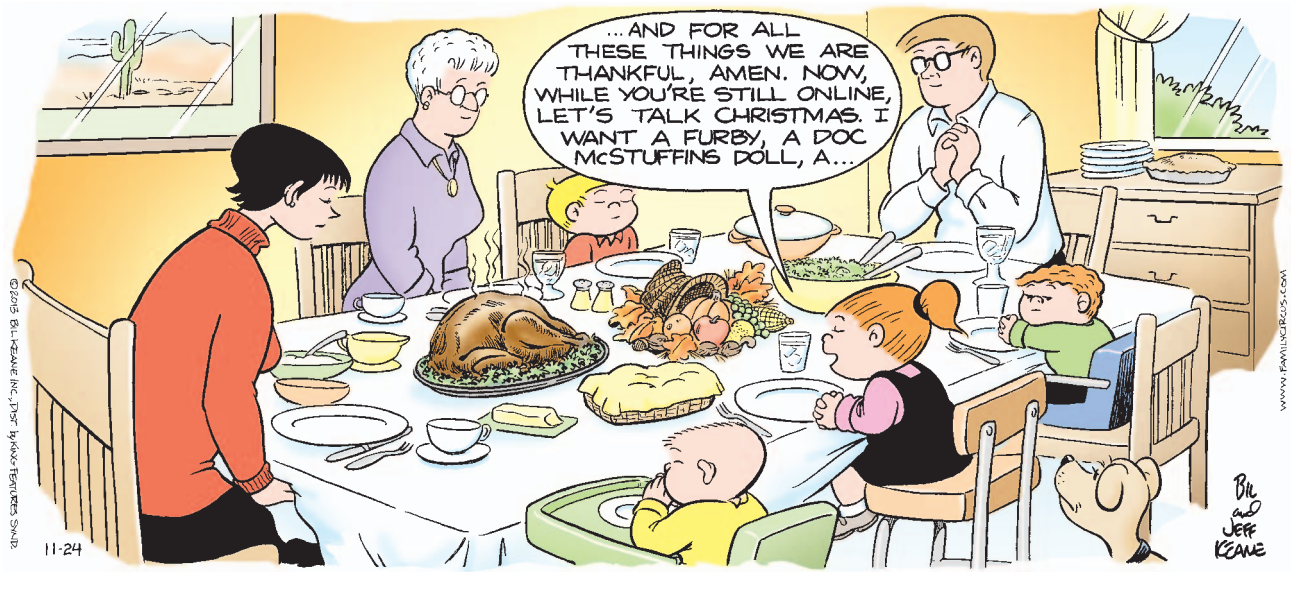
I WAS TALKING TO RALPH
MIKE PETERS

Family Circus — By Bil Keane


...AND FOR ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE THANKFUL, AMEN. NOW, WHILE YOU'RE STILL ONLINE, LET'S TALK CHRISTMAS. I WANT A FURBY, A DOC McSTUFFINS DOLL, A...
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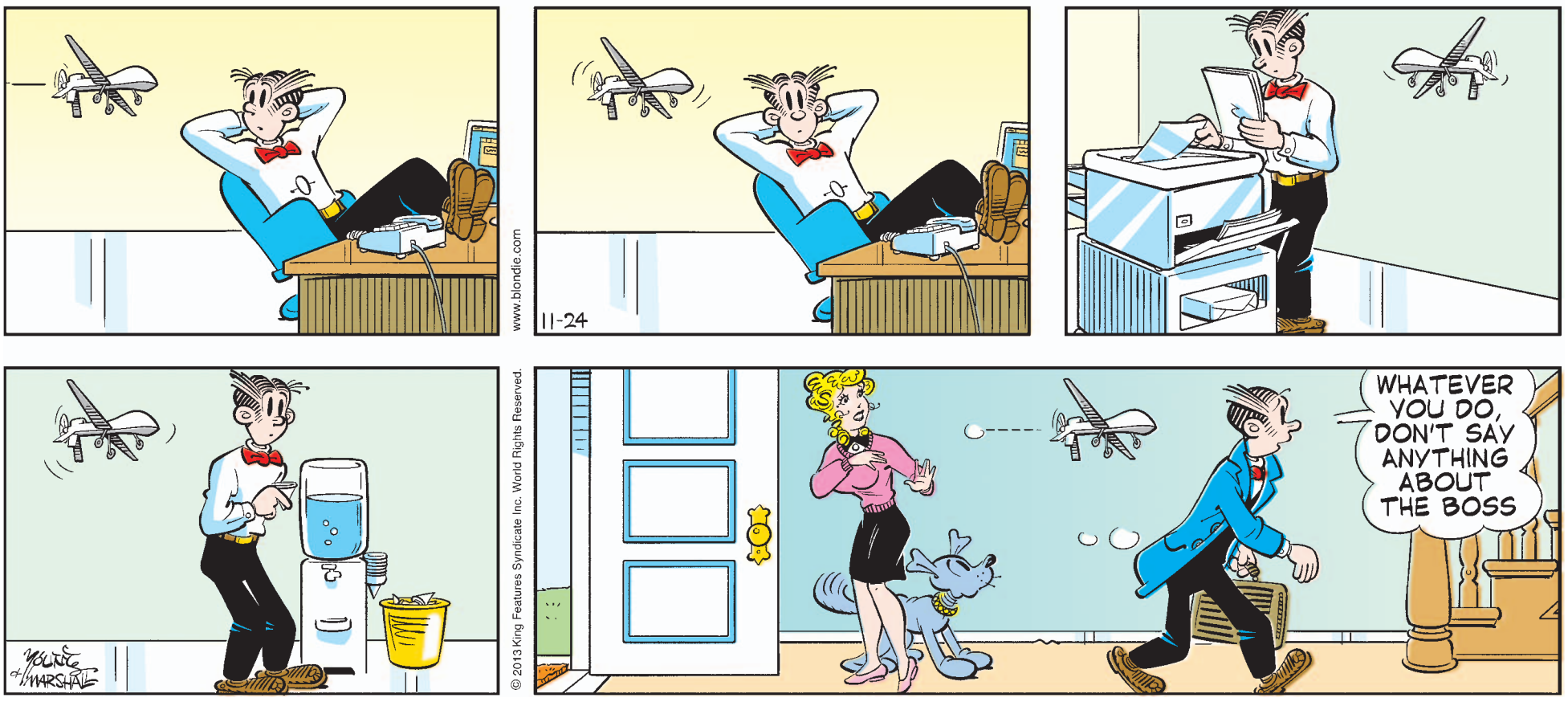
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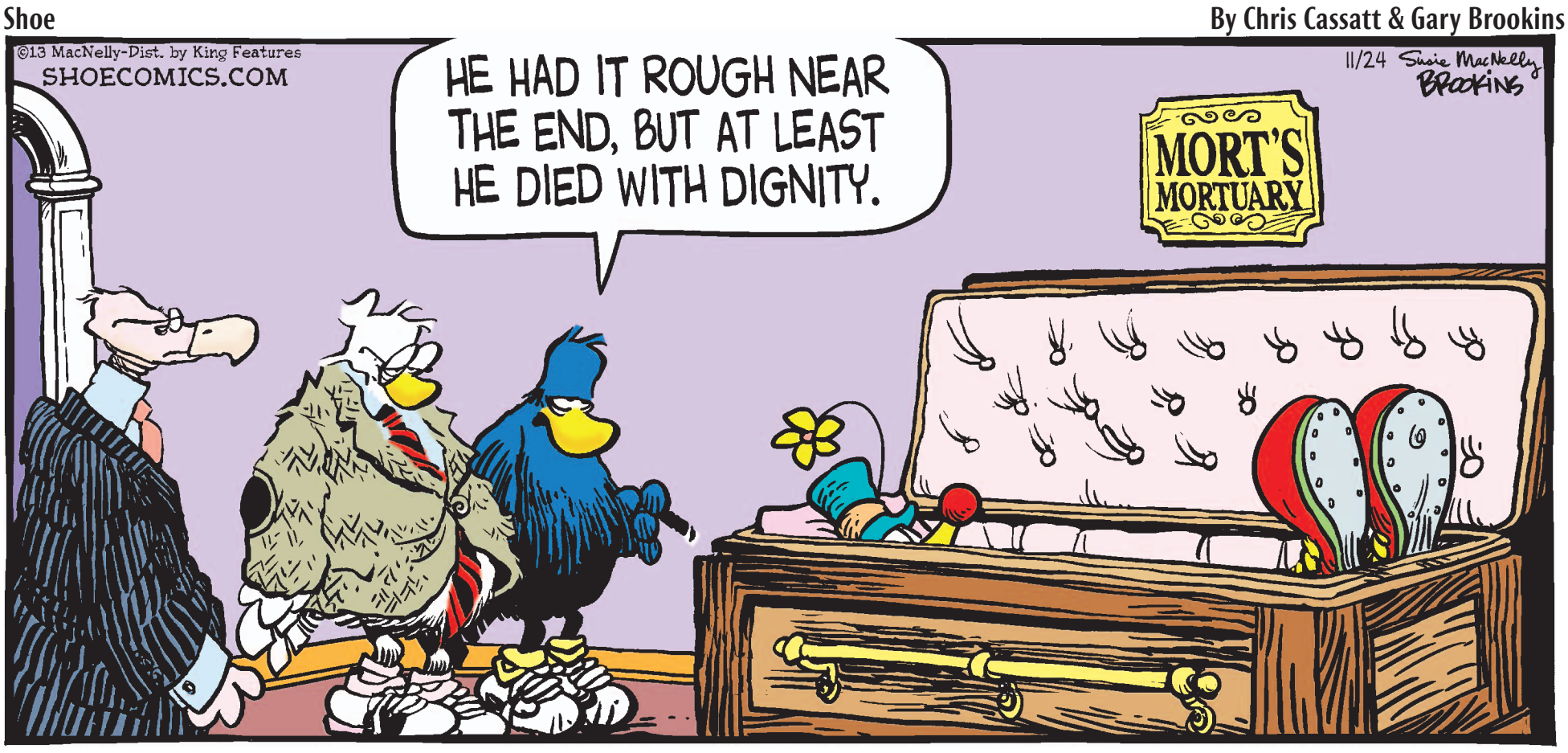
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE BOSS

Shoe

By Chris Cassatt & Gary Brookins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HE HAD IT ROUGH NEAR THE END, BUT AT LEAST HE DIED WITH DIGNITY.
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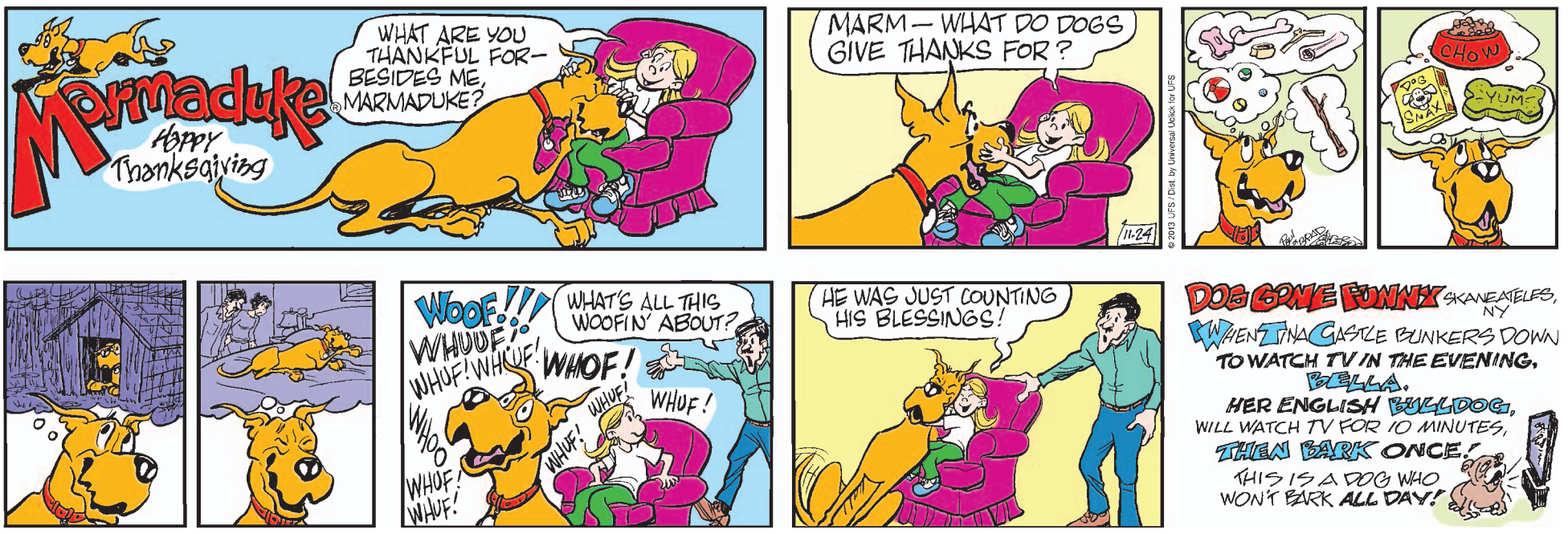
MORT'S MORTUARY


Marmaduke
Happy Thanksgiving
WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR— BESIDES ME, MARMADUKE?
MARM— WHAT DO DOGS GIVE THANKS FOR?
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CHOW
YUM
WOOF!!!
WHUUF!
WHUF! WHUF!
WHOF!
WHUF!
WHUF!
WHOO
WHOF! WHUF!
WHUF!
WHAT'S ALL THIS WOOFIN' ABOUT?
HE WAS JUST COUNTING HIS BLESSINGS!
DOG GONE FUNNY SKANEATELES, NY
WHEN TINA CASTLE BUNKERS DOWN TO WATCH TV IN THE EVENING, BELLA, HER ENGLISH BULLDOG, WILL WATCH TV FOR 10 MINUTES, THEN BARK ONCE! THIS IS A DOG WHO WON'T BARK ALL DAY!

Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

THIS IS HARD!
YEAH!
USE A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE!
HUH?
YOU CAN'T PLOUGH A FIELD BY TURNING IT OVER IN YOUR MIND.
NOBODY EVER DROWNED IN HIS OWN SWEAT! PLEASURE IN THE JOB PUTS PERFECTION IN THE WORK!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
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I'M JUST SAYING THAT PERSPIRATION IS THE COLOGNE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.
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BUT WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN???
SORRY, I DON'T CHEW MY CABBAGE TWICE.
MOM! DAD'S OFF HIS NOODLE!
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FoxTrot

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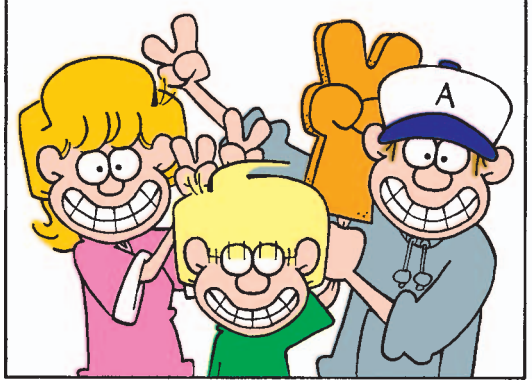

ALL RIGHT, NOW PRESS "O" FOR YOUR MISSION OBJECTIVES.
"THE INVASION OF NORDSTROMDY: DEFEAT ENEMY LINES AND SECURE STYLISH BEACH-WEAR AT 75-PERCENT SAVINGS."

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IS THIS THAT NEW CALL OF DUTY MOD?
YEAH. "BLACK FRIDAY OPS."
BUT WAIT... IF I CALL IN AN AIR STRIKE, WON'T THAT HURT THE BEACHWEAR?
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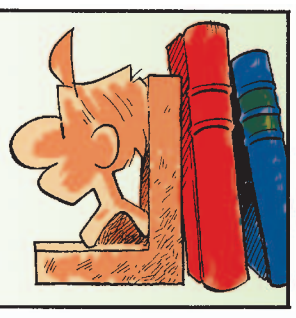

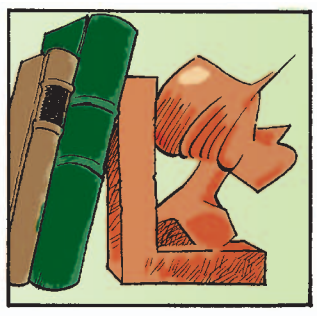

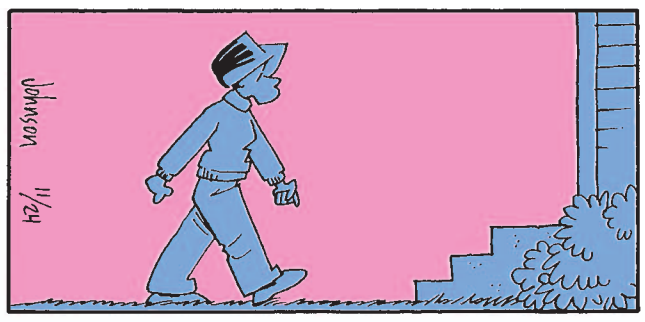

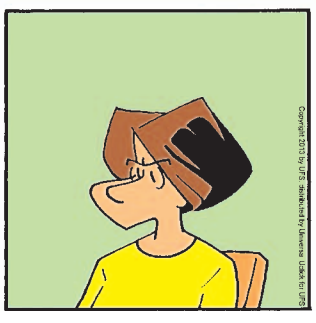

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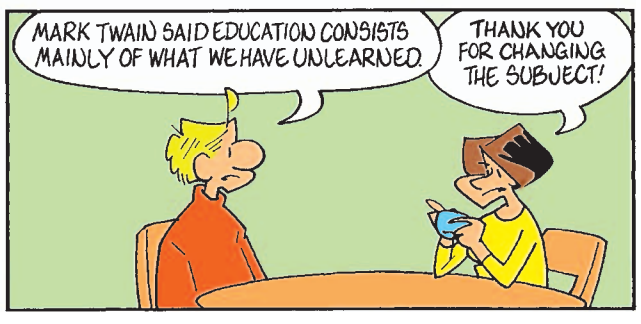
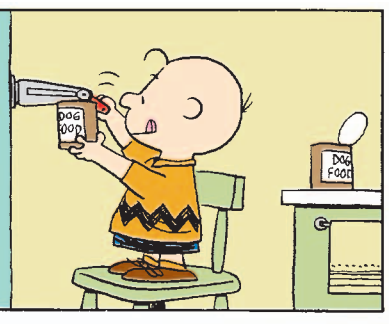


PEANUTS

featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown"

by SCHULZ



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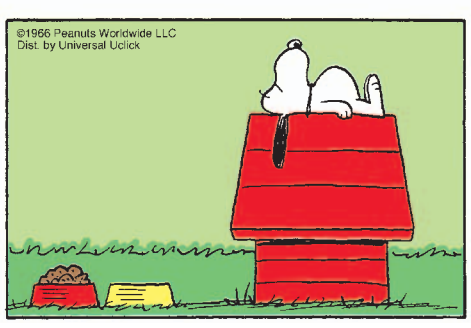

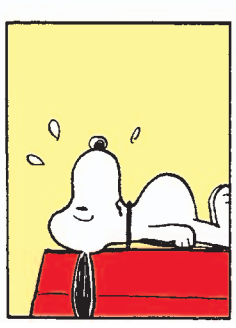

HAGAR the horrible

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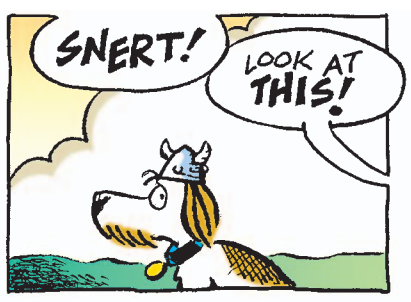

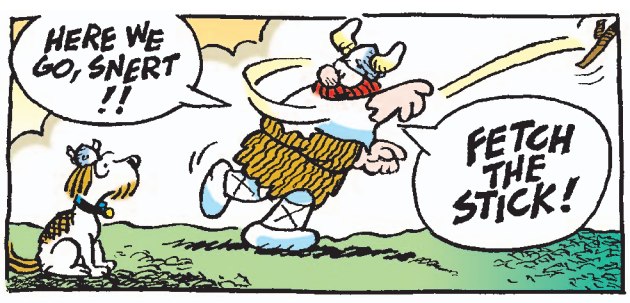

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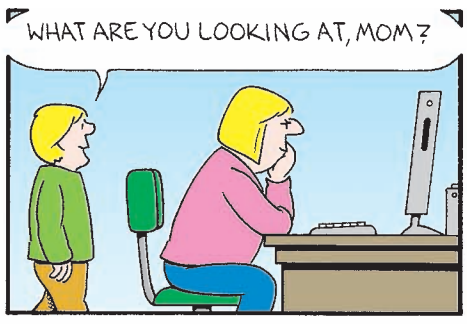

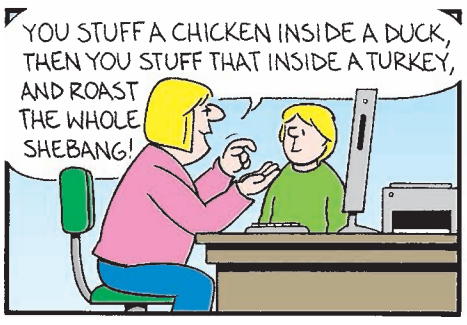

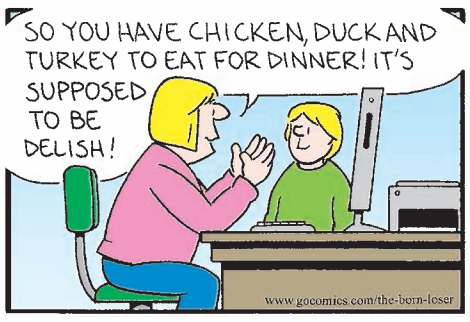

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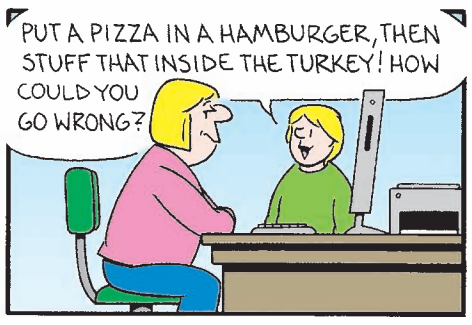

Get Fuzzy

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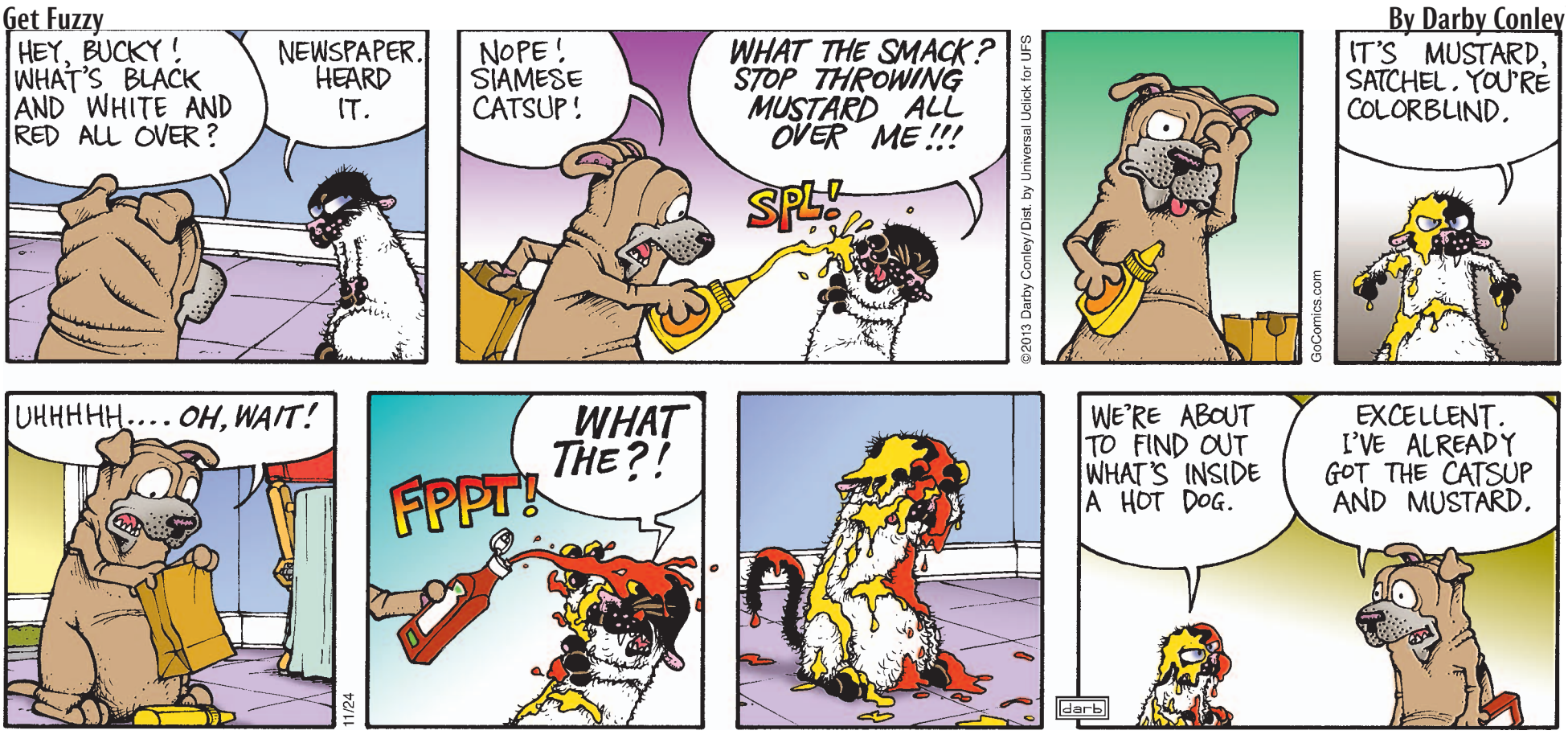
HEY, BUCKY! WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER?
NEWSPAPER. HEARD IT.
NOPE! SIAMESE CATSUP!
WHAT THE SMACK? STOP THROWING MUSTARD ALL OVER ME!!!
SPL!
IT'S MUSTARD, SATCHEL. YOU'RE COLORBLIND.
UHHHHH.... OH, WAIT!
FPPT!
WHAT THE?!
WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE A HOT DOG.
EXCELLENT. I'VE ALREADY GOT THE CATSUP AND MUSTARD.
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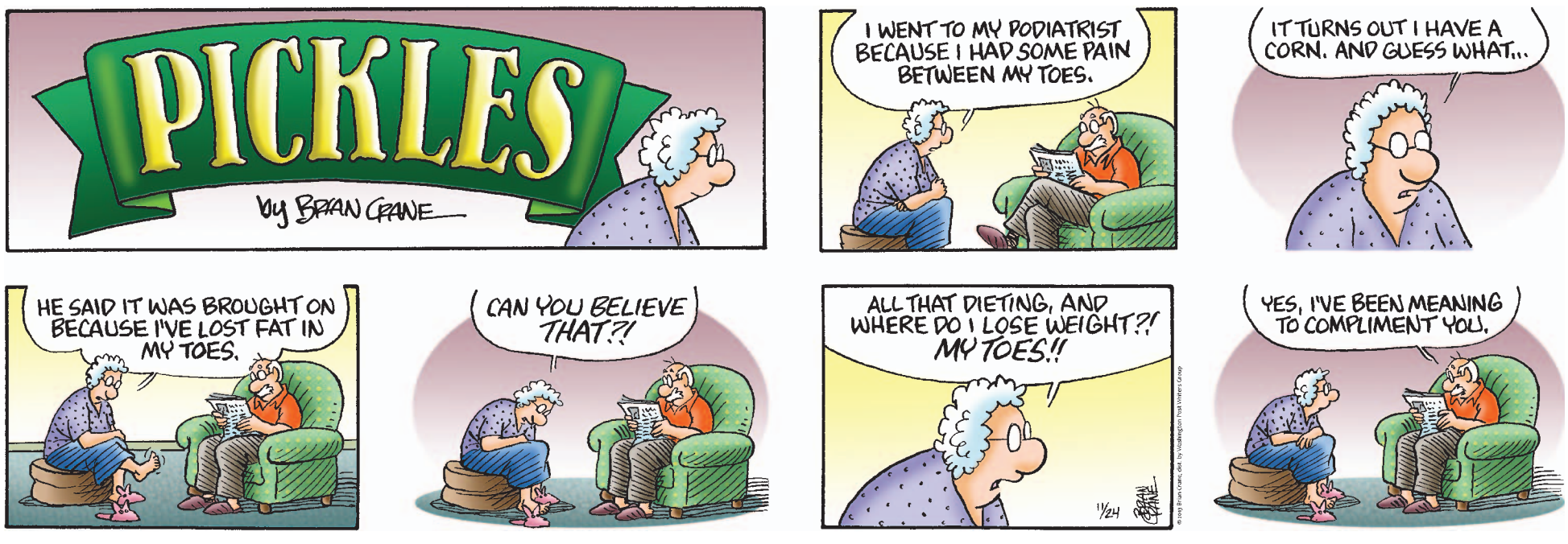
Pickles

By Brian Crane


PICKLES
By BRIAN CRANE
I WENT TO MY PODIATRIST BECAUSE I HAD SOME PAIN BETWEEN MY TOES.
IT TURNS OUT I HAVE A CORN. AND GUESS WHAT...
HE SAID IT WAS BROUGHT ON BECAUSE I'VE LOST FAT IN MY TOES.
CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?!
ALL THAT DIETING, AND WHERE DO I LOSE WEIGHT?! MY TOES!!
YES, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO COMPLIMENT YOU.
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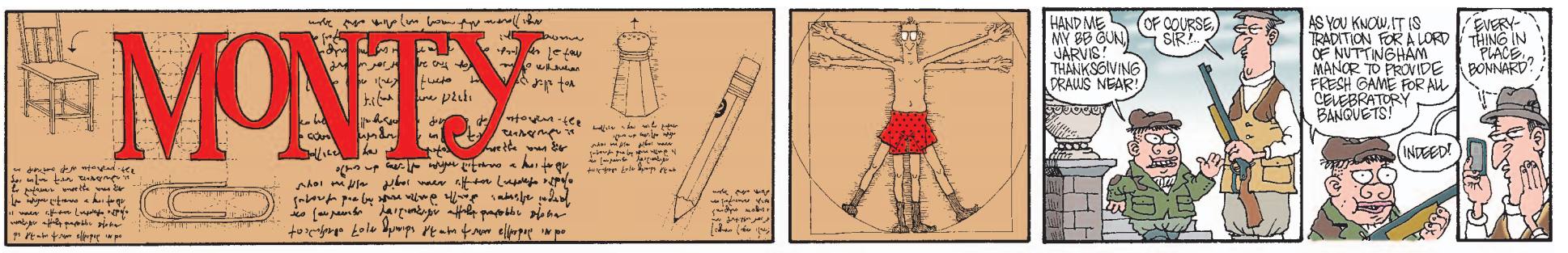
MONTY
HAND ME MY BB GUN, JARVIS! THANKSGIVING DRAWS NEAR!
OF COURSE, SIR!...
AS YOU KNOW, IT IS TRADITION FOR A LORD OF NUTTINGHAM MANOR TO PROVIDE FRESH GAME FOR ALL CELEBRATORY BANQUETS!
INDEED!
EVERY-THING IN PLACE, BONNARD?
OUI, MONSIEUR.
THERE, SIR... AT THE BASE OF THAT DISTANT ELM... I BELIEVE I SAW SOME MOVEMENT...
GOOD EYE, JARVIS!
POP!
ZING
PLUNK
WELL PLACED, SIR!... DIRECTLY ONTO THE ROASTING PAN!
AND FORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS TO BE A 22 lb. FEATHERLESS VARIETY, SIMILAR TO THE SPECIMEN I BAGGED LAST YEAR!
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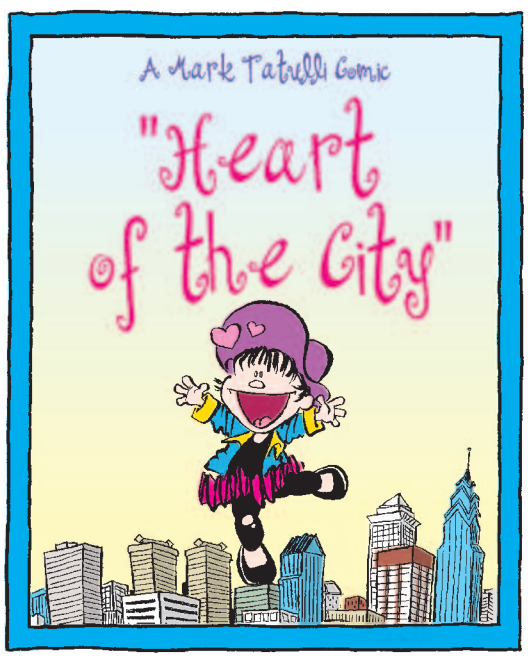
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